

**ST MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS WHO
CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL POLICY**



'Growing Together in Faith & Love'

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1 Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Pupils, staff and parents understand what the school is responsible for when this education is being provided by the local authority

2 Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#).

It is also based on guidance provided by our local authority [Children Unable to Attend School because of Health Reasons](#).

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3 Responsibilities of the school

We want to ensure effective provision. Mrs Jones is the named person at the school with responsibility for children who cannot attend school as a result of their health.

This policy has clear procedures for actions to be taken. Attendance is always monitored, registers marked twice daily morning and afternoon. Children are not removed from the register unless written medical evidence states that they will be unable to attend school for the rest of their compulsory education.

For short term absence the school will provide school work to be completed at home. If the absence is to be more than 15 days school will complete a Notification form to notify the local authority.

We aim to work with the family, hospital and medical professionals to develop:

- A provision plan
- Provide appropriate learning materials
- Be active in the reintegration back into school
- Liaising with the local authority and other agencies
- Encourage, facilitate, liaison with peers, for example through visits, video etc

The local authority are bound to provide support once they receive the Notification form. The parents will be involved at every step and their views sought on this matter.

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Milton Keynes Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils.

After 15 days the school will notify the local authority and there will be a discussion about what arrangements are "suitable".

4 Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually.

5 Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- [Accessibility plan](#)
- [Supporting pupils with medical conditions](#)