



The Salesian Academy of  
**St. John  
Bosco**



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# Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

**'We learn not for school, but for life'**

**Respect Understanding Affection**  
**Happiness & Humour**

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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.

[Access to education for children with health needs who cannot attend school \(sefton.gov.uk\)](https://sefton.gov.uk/access-to-education-for-children-with-health-needs-who-cannot-attend-school)

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

### **3. Responsibilities of the school**

The school will use flexible arrangements to support pupils who are unable to access school because of their health needs. Regular checks to support pupils with health needs will be completed with reasonable adjustments applied particularly when a child has a disability. access to education check your local authority's guidance on providing education to children with additional health needs, to see what responsibilities it places on you in this circumstance.

#### **3.1 If the school makes arrangements**

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

You may want to add more details on areas such as:

- Pastoral Support Managers, supporter by their Senior Leader link will coordinate arrangements, when health needs amount to ongoing special educational needs the SENDco will support arrangements.
- All arrangements will be in consultation with parents, carers and health care professionals.
- Educational arrangements may compromise part-time timetables, elements of home study, rest breaks within the school day or any reasonable adjustments to school life, for example removal from practical subjects due to a physical injury.
- Pupils will be supported to reintegrate into fulltime, mainstream school when it is appropriate to their health needs and in consultation with parents, cares and health care professionals.

#### **3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements**

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

- School will seek support from the local authority when pupils are unable to access school long-term
- School may refer pupils to Sefton's Complementary Education Service, its main role is to support the continuing education of pupils who cannot attend school for medical reasons with minimal disruption to education.
- Sefton's policies regarding Access to Education for Children with Health Needs:

[Access to education for children with health needs who cannot attend school \(sefton.gov.uk\)](https://sefton.gov.uk)

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school will:

- As the home school the Salesian Academy of St John Bosco will support the primary aim of educating young people who cannot attend school because of medical needs by liaising with Sefton Local Authority to be responsive to the demands of the changing medical status individuals being supported.

#### **4. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed annually by Lindsey Wilson Assistant Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full local governing body.

#### **5. Links to other policies**

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- SEND policy