

St. Peter's CE Primary, Farnworth



**Children with health needs
who cannot attend school
policy**

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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 also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/alternative-schooling/education-hospital>

3. Responsibilities

3.1 Local authority arrangements

The Hospital and Home Teaching Service is part of Bolton's Pupil Referral Unit. Children that are sick or injured are entitled to be educated at home, at the Roscow Fold Centre or in hospital.

To be eligible for this provision, children must be aged 4 -16 years and reside in Bolton **and** meet one of the following criteria:

- 1 Children who are patients in The Royal Bolton Hospital for five or more school days.
- 2 Children who are unable to access school for more than three weeks due to medical reasons. Supporting medical evidence will be required.
- 3 In exceptional cases, children, where no other alternative educational provision is readily accessible.

Referrals to the Hospital / Home Teaching Service can be made by:

- The hospital (The Royal Bolton Hospital or out of district hospitals)
- The child's school
- Parents
- Health professionals
- Statutory Assessment Service
- Early Intervention and Connexions Service

Please note — all referrals need to be supported by a signed Consultants approval for home tuition

To support the education of any St. Peter's CE Primary child accessing The Hospital and Home Teaching Service, the school will:

- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- Help make sure that the provision offered to the pupil is as effective as possible and that the child can be reintegrated back into school successfully
- When reintegration is anticipated, work with the local authority to:
 - Plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the school, allowing the pupil to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in school as far as possible
 - Enable the pupil to stay in touch with school life (e.g. through newsletters, emails, invitations to school events or internet links to lessons from their school)
 - Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school
 - Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by School Effectiveness Committee. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Equality Plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions