



# Supporting children with healthcare needs who cannot attend school policy

**This Policy has been approved and adopted by the Governors.**

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***'Becoming the people God calls us to be'***

## Bosco Catholic Education Trust Mission Statement

The Bosco Catholic Education Trust is a Christ-centered family of Catholic academies, within the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, working together as one body to provide an outstanding education for all. As Catholic schools, we endeavor to develop confident, compassionate and faithful young people. Through partnership, collaboration and mutual support, we seek to enable all those entrusted to our care to become the person God called them to be.

“Serve the Lord joyfully”

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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 West Sussex County Council.

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

### 3. The responsibilities of the school

#### 3.1 If the school makes arrangements

The healthcare needs preventing a child attending school in the scope of this policy will be as recognised by County.

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. Work and homework will be set via ‘Homework’ and other hard copy formats if appropriate.

The Child’s Head of Year will be responsible for ensuring work is sent home, is in line with the curriculum and will utilise online support where possible.

Families will be encouraged to keep in touch with the school and support the child to access their school work.

Re-integration will be carefully considered, and a phased return plan will be put in place if this is in the child’s best interest.

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

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, West Sussex County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, 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 the DSL. 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
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions