

# Children With Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School

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**The Trust, all Academies within the Trust and Shireland Learning Limited must comply with this policy.**

## 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 Academy/School is responsible for providing

## Legislation and Guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#) and of the requirements stated in the Funding Agreements for all Academies and the Articles of Association of the Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust (S-CAT).

## Responsibilities of Academies

In each Academy/setting, the SENCO is responsible for the education and wellbeing of any children with health needs that cannot attend school and will work with the appropriate pastoral or phase leads

Arrangements for children with health needs that cannot attend school:

- The SENCO will meet with family to identify the current needs of the child, formulate an initial plan and arrange follow-up meetings
- The SENCO will arrange for an appropriate amount of remote work (paper based or online) to be provided for the child if not being provided in a medical setting
- When appropriate, the Academy SENCO will agree a phased return to school with the family, child and external agencies as required

Further arrangements:

- The SENCO will consider addition to the Special Educational Needs (SEN) register if deemed appropriate
- The SENCO will submit an application to the Local Authority (LA) home and medical school provision if deemed appropriate
- The SENCO will consider an application for an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) if deemed appropriate