



New Marston Policy for supporting pupils with medical condition who cannot attend school

At New Marston, we aim to support all pupils to *aim higher, reach further, shine brighter*. This policy outlines the approach taken when pupils have medical conditions and cannot attend school so that pupils, staff and parents understand what the school is responsible for when this education is being provided by the local authority.

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#). It also based on the policy provided by our academy trust which can be accessed [here](#). Statutory guidance for local authorities sets out that they should be ready to make arrangements under this duty when it is clear that a child will be away from school for 15 days or more because of health needs (whether consecutive or cumulative across the school year).

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

- The office/attendance team will alert the Headteacher if a pupil is unable to attend school due to a health need for more than 3 days.
- The child will usually have an Individual Health Care Plan, an EHCP or will have seen a medical professional that the school can liaise with.
- Parents/carers will be contacted to discuss how well their child is and if they are able to access work, which can be set via Google Classroom by the class teacher or delivered home.
- If the pupil is in hospital, New Marston will contact the Oxfordshire Hospital School (OHS). The class teacher will be responsible for liaising with the teacher from OHS.
- When medical professionals deem the pupil is well enough to return to school, work will no longer be provided. The pupil is eligible for a part time reintegration.

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Oxfordshire County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. This is when the child has been absent for **15 days or more**. 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 pupils.
- 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
- 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

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

This policy links to the following policies:

Accessibility plan

Supporting pupils with medical conditions

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