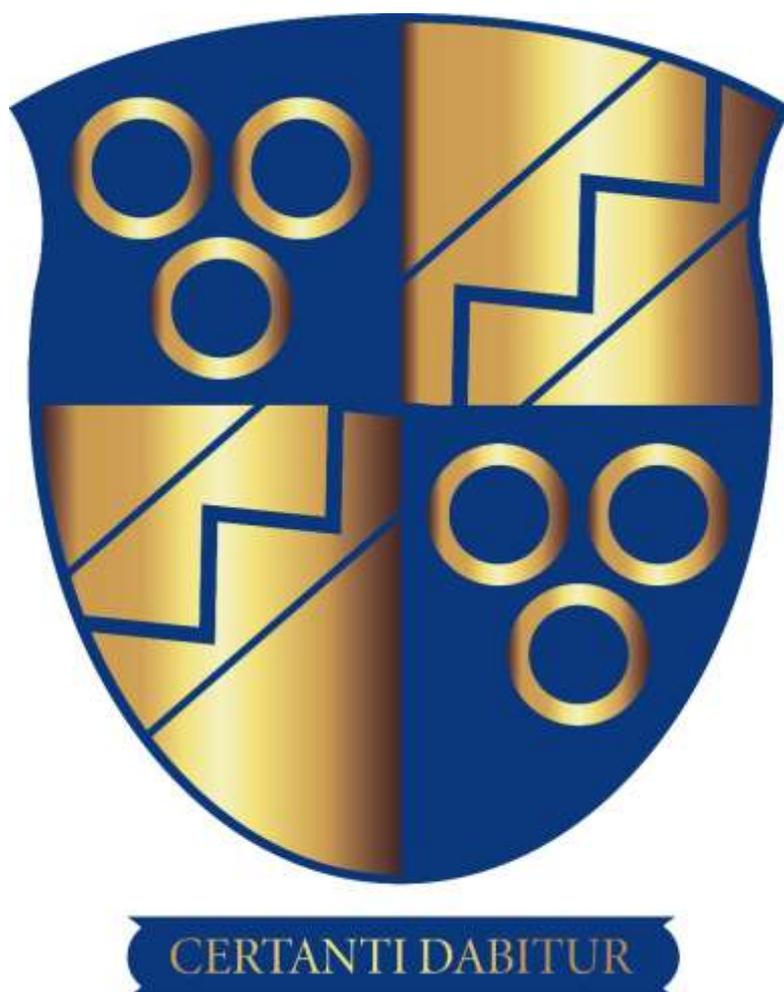


# Children With Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

## The Oldershaw School



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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](#).

Where available, it also based on guidance provided by Wirral Local Authority.

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

### 3. The responsibilities of the school

#### 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.

Where a pupil is unable to attend school for an extended period due to a health need, the Vice Principal - Inclusion will work in collaboration with the young person, their parents, the School's pastoral team, relevant medical professionals and the Local Authority to ensure that the young person continues to receive suitable educational input.

This is considered on a case-by-case basis, and arrangements are tailored to the health needs of the young person, their treatment regime and its impact on the young person. The School will use a person-centred approach throughout the planning and implementation of arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school, guided by medical advice from suitably qualified professionals at all times.

Provision for children with health needs may include:

- Bespoke timetable arrangements i.e. adjusted start / finish times to accommodate treatment regimes, the impact of medication and any fatigue which may be associated with their condition.
- Provision of work to be completed at home.
- Referrals to alternative provision settings, including Wirral's Home and Continuing Education Service (HES) and Wirral Hospital School, which is sometimes referral to as Joseph Paxton Campus.

Parents and carers will be integral to the planning and implementation of arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs, and the School recognises that their role as carers for their child affords them with a unique insight into their child's health needs.

In addition to making suitable arrangements for pupils who are unable to attend school, the School recognises the importance of careful and thorough reintegration planning when medical professionals advise that a child can return to school on a part- or full-time basis. As appropriate, the School will convene a multi-agency meeting to plan reintegration, utilising external agencies to ensure that a child is fully supported as they return to school.

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

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Vice Principal – Inclusion (SEND, CLA & Safeguarding).

At every review, it will be approved by the full Trust Board.

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

This policy links to the following policies:

- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy 2021-22
- Administration of Medicines Policy 2021-22
- SEND Information Report 2021-22
- SEND Policy 2021-22