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'Let all that you do be done in love.' 1 Corinthians 16:14

Preston Primary (VC) School

Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School

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1. Aims

1.1 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

2.1 This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996.

2.2 It is also based on guidance provided by our local authority. The Local Authority guidance can be found here.

3. Responsibilities of the school

If the school makes arrangements

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

- The Headteacher and the SENDCO will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements.
- Initially, work will be sent home under guidance of the class teacher. If this is not possible, for example due to a pupil being in hospital, the child will be attending hospital school where possible.
- A meeting will be arranged to consult with parents and the pupil. The school will consider providing hard copies of work or remote lessons depending on the pupil's ability to access remote learning.
- If the pupil has had significant time out of school, they could return to school on a part-time timetable.

If the local authority makes arrangements

3.2 If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Hertfordshire County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils.

3.3 The Local Authority will take over arrangements for the learning of a pupil in the following circumstances:

- If suitable arrangements cannot be made by the school.
- If the pupil has had more than 15 days absence as a result of a medical need – this can be cumulative.
- The SENDCo will contact the ESMA team and make a referral, with parental consent.

3.4 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

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

5. Links to other policies

5.1 This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Child protection policy