

## Supporting Pupils Who are Unable to Attend School Due to Medical Needs Policy

### 1.0 School Mission Statement

#### The Haggerston Way: Our Mission

- Aspiration: We strive to be the best versions of ourselves. We work hard every day to master the knowledge and skills we need to lead successful, fulfilled lives.
- Creativity: We create beautiful work to inspire others. We are independent-minded creative thinkers and problem-solvers.
- Character: We are articulate, brave and determined individuals. We work to build the qualities of Resilience, Ambition, Curiosity and Community Spirit.

All of the work of Haggerston School is intended to support the delivery of our mission statement in full.

### 2.0 Policy links to school mission, aims and values

Haggerston School aims to work closely with Hackney Education(HE ) to ensure that all children who are unable to attend school due to health/medical needs, and who would not receive suitable education without such provision, continue to have access to as much education as their health/medical condition allows, so that they reach their full potential.

- All students receive a quality education that allows them to reach their full potential
- Haggerston works closely with HE to ensure continuity and quality are provided for students who can not attend school due to medical needs

### 3.0 Statutory Framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Education Act 1996
- Equality Act 2010
- Data Protection Act 2018
- DfE (2013) [Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs - GOV.UK](#)
- DfE (2015) 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions'
- Attendance Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy - Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy Department for Education's statutory guidance on [supporting students with medical conditions at school](#).
- <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/medical-needs-tuition-service>

### 4.0 Definitions

Due to the nature of their health/medical needs, some children may be admitted to hospital or placed in alternative forms of education provision. We recognise that, whenever possible, pupils should experience their education within school and the preferred aim of the provision will be to reintegrate pupils back into school as soon as they are well enough.

We understand that we have a continuing role in a pupil's education whilst they are not attending school and will work with Hackney Education, healthcare partners and families to ensure that all children with health/medical needs receive the right level of support.

### 5.0 Roles and responsibilities

#### 5.1 The Local School Board

The local school board will approve and review this policy on an annual basis, delegating its implementation to the Co-Headteachers.

### **5.2 The Co-Headteachers**

The Co-Headteachers will:

- ensure the termly review of the arrangements made for pupils who cannot attend school due to their health/medical needs
- ensure the roles and responsibilities of those involved in the arrangements to support the needs of pupils are clear and understood by all
- ensure compliance with the relevant statutory duties when supporting pupils with identified health/medical needs

### **5.3 The SENDCO**

The SENDCO will:

- ensure arrangements for pupils who cannot attend school as a result of their health/medical needs are in place and are effectively implemented
- working collaboratively with parents and other professionals to develop arrangements to meet the best interests of children
- ensure the arrangements put in place to meet pupils' health/medical needs are fully understood by all those involved and acted upon
- provide a link between pupils and their parents, and Hackney Education

### **5.4 Staff**

Staff will:

- provide appropriate work for students who are unable to attend school due to medical needs
- liaise with relevant agencies to provide information regarding the students learning needs including curriculum information
- ensure appropriate work for students who are unable to attend school due to medical needs is provided

### **5.5 Parents**

Parents will:

- work collaboratively with the school and other professionals to develop arrangements to meet the best interests of children
- keep the school informed of any changes to their child condition that may impact the provision for education provided
- attend meetings to discuss how support for their child should be planned if appropriate

## Appendix 1: Types of Conditions and Provision Available

Types of health/medical issues Children who are unable to attend school as a result of their health/medical needs may include those with:

- Physical health issues
- Physical injuries
- Mental health problems, including anxiety issues
- Emotional difficulties or school refusal
- Progressive conditions
- Terminal illnesses
- Chronic illnesses

Children who are unable to attend mainstream education for health reasons may attend any of the following:

- Hospital school: a special school within a hospital setting where education is provided to give continuity whilst the child is receiving treatment
- Home tuition: Hackney has a home tuition service that act as a communication channel between schools and pupils on occasions where pupils are too ill to attend school and are receiving specialist medical treatment
- Medical PRUs: these are LA establishments that provide education for children unable to attend their registered school due to their medical needs. Currently this is not available within Hackney.

### 6.0 Policy documentation control

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