



CARLTON
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**Carlton Academy Trust
Children with Health Needs who
Cannot Attend School Policy**

Approved on behalf of Trustees:

Gareth Logan

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Policy Aims

This policy outlines the procedures Trust schools will follow to provide continuity of education provision for students who cannot attend school due to health needs (physical and mental).

Short-Term Absence

Schools manage the illness absence of students up to 15 consecutive days in duration. Where deemed necessary and relevant, the school will provide work to be sent home so that disruption to their education is minimised. This work will be marked and returned, so that they can progress their learning in a similar way to other students in school. This may be supplemented by online tuition and/or resources or provision from external agencies.

Long Term Absence

If the absence is more than 15 days or is expected to be for more than 15 days, a referral will be made to the Bradford local authority Medical Needs and Hospital Education Service (MNHES). They will (following liaison with parents/carers and school) arrange for appropriate education provision at the student's home. Provision will be monitored on an ongoing basis, including weekly reports and formal termly reviews involving all parties to ensure that quality of service and provision is maintained. Reviews also help to inform whether the student is ready to resume education back at school, remain in temporary home tuition, or move to more permanent provision within MNHES.

Hospital Schools

Students who are patients in either Airedale or Bradford Royal Infirmary will be offered hospital tuition, if fit and able to do so. Schools will liaise with hospital schools throughout their stay to provide relevant and appropriately differentiated work, information to support their learning, and ensure an effective transition back into school.

Responsibilities

The SENCO is responsible for coordinating the provision of students who can't attend school for health reasons, including home tuition, MNHES and hospital schools.