

NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUST



PUPILS WITH ADDITIONAL HEALTH NEEDS POLICY

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1. Statement of intent

NGHS aims to ensure that all students who are unable to attend school due to medical needs continue to receive the same high standard of education and attend as many wider curriculum events as their medical condition allows.

Due to the nature of their health needs, however, some students may be admitted to hospital or placed in alternative forms of education provision and unable to attend school as normal. We recognise that, wherever possible, students should receive their education within their school and the aim of the provision will be to help reintegrate students back into school as soon as they are well enough.

We understand that we have a continuing role in a students education whilst they are not attending the school and will work with the local authority, healthcare partners and families to ensure that all students with medical needs receive the right level of support to enable them to maintain links with the school.

2. Legal 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
- The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)
- Data Protection Act 2018
- DfE (2024) 'Keeping children safe in education 2024'
- DfE (2023) 'Arranging education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs'
- DfE (2015) 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions'
- DfE (2022) 'Working together to improve school attendance'

3. Definitions

"Children with health needs" are children of compulsory school age who are unable to attend school as a result of their medical needs. These medical needs include:

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

3 Arrangements

Initially, the school will attempt to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. The Head of Year will work with each individual family to make and monitor these arrangements. This could involve work being sent home and returned to school, liaison with hospital schools and teachers. Please note that the right to education through online lessons is not guaranteed. Heads of Year will be in regular contact with families to review and update these arrangements to ensure it is meeting the needs of the student. Heads of Year will also work out an effective return to school plan which may involve a reduction to the full timetable in order to ensure a smooth transition back to school life.

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions