Supporting pupils with Medical Conditions

Spring Term 2026

Purpose

Elloughton Primary School is committed to being a fully inclusive school. We ensure that pupils with medical conditions are properly supported so that they have full access to education, including educational visits, physical education, and extracurricular activities, and so that they can play a full and active role in school life.

We believe children with medical needs should have access to as much education as possible so that they are able to maintain their education and make progress.

Legal Framework

This policy is written in accordance with: - Children and Families Act 2014 - Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions (DfE Statutory Guidance) - Equality Act 2010 - Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice - Health and Safety at Work Act 1981 - Data Protection Act (GDPR).

Definition

The school defines children with medical needs as:

- Long term sick children unable to attend school due to serious illness or injury
- Children and young people with clinically defined mental health problems.

Individual Health Care Plans

Individual Health Care Plans (IHCP) will be created for pupils with long-term, complex, or potentially emergency medical needs. They will include: -

- The child's medical condition
- Symptoms and triggers
- Medication requirements and possible side effects
- Daily care needs
- Emergency procedures
- Roles of staff members involved
- Arrangements for school visits, clubs, and physical activities
- Review schedule (at least annually).

IHCPs will be shared confidentially with relevant staff and stored securely.

Partnership with Parents

Parents are essential partners in ensuring accurate medical information is shared promptly. They will be fully involved in the development and ongoing review of Individual Health Care Plans and must inform the school of any changes to their child's medical needs or treatment. The school promotes open and supportive communication with families.

What the school will do

If a parent informs school that their child will be absent for more than 15 working days and medical evidence is provided to confirm a child is medically unfit and too unwell to attend school we will:

- Notify the Home Tuition Service
- Liaise with the Home Tuition Service to enable them to draw up a personal education plan for the pupil.
- Supply the Home Tuition Service with information about the pupil's ability and attainment.
- Set work and provide suitable lesson notes which are appropriate to the child's needs and matched to the Long-Term Plan as appropriate to the peer group in order to ensure successful reintegration.
- The school will endeavour to loan wherever possible suitable resources to allow the child to work from home.
- The school will make arrangements for statutory assessments as appropriate.
- The school will endeavour to assess, record, and plan suitable new work as necessary.
- Ensure that the child is invited to and involved in as many extracurricular activities as is possible.
- Set up a circle of friends to visit the child on a regular basis as far as possible.

Special Needs

Any child who is on the SEND register will follow the normal continuum of special needs and work will be set by the SENCO. Any outside agencies will be involved as usual.

The named person at Elloughton Primary School responsible for children with a medical condition is Mrs Stillings, our SENCO.

Monitoring of Interventions

Staff are asked to evaluate interventions and Mrs Stillings will liaise with the Home Tuition Service and the appropriate class teacher.

Monitoring and Review

The school will monitor and review its arrangements for supporting pupils with medical conditions to ensure continued effectiveness and compliance with statutory guidance. Individual Healthcare Plans will be reviewed at least annually or earlier where a pupil's needs change. This policy will be reviewed every two years or earlier if required in accordance with DfE guidelines.

Adoption, Approval, Sign Off

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