



The Cedar School

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Communication – Empowerment – Discovery – Aspiration – Resilience

Policy For Children With Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School

The Cedar School – Core Offer

As stated in Southampton City Council's Core Offer for our school, *'The Cedar School is an all-through school for pupils aged 3 to 16. Pupils that attend The Cedar School will have a primary need related to physical and sensory, they will usually have complex health needs that require daily support with delegable health tasks and are likely to require onsite therapy and nursing support.'*

Pupils Requiring Time Out Of School For Reasons Linked To Their Physical And Health Needs

Pupils at The Cedar School sometimes need to spend time, for example, in hospital, recovering from surgery or in other off-site settings related to their physical and health needs.

We understand that we have a continuing role in a pupil's education whilst they are not attending the school and work with the LA, healthcare professionals and families to ensure that all children with medical needs receive the right level of support to enable them to maintain links with their education at times when they are not able to be in school.

This includes:

- Regular contact with the family/child ('regular' will vary depending on the circumstances)
- Access to our on-line 'home' learning activities on our website
- Invitation(s) to a pupil and family to connect with the class/school staff using zoom

- All contact with the family/pupil is recorded on My Concern so that a record of contact is evidenced
- All of the above are the responsibility of the pupil's class teacher.

The Cedar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people. It expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to the school to share and embrace this commitment.

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If reasonable contact is not maintained by the family/pupil, the headteacher must be informed. ('Reasonable' can mean different things depending on the situation; the school is highly sympathetic and understanding, for example, when a child is in hospital and, as a result, maintaining contact with school is an unnecessary extra demand for the family at that stage.)

If 'reasonable' contact is not maintained and the headteacher is informed, the headteacher will contact the family/pupil and, where this is not responded to, the headteacher may refer the matter to the Designated Safeguarding Leader or the school's Education Welfare Officer if applicable.

In Addition

The Cedar School aims to support the LA to ensure that children who are unable to attend other schools due to medical needs, and who would not receive suitable education without such provision, continue to have access to as much education as their medical conditions allows, to enable them to reach their full potential.

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