



Walter Infant School and Nursery

'To be the best I can be'

Health Needs and Cannot Attend School Policy

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Mission Statement:

Walter Infant School and Nursery is an equitable, safe, secure and happy place to learn; our children grow as individuals in a stimulating and exciting environment which values respect, kindness, honesty, empathy and resilience.

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Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils who cannot attend school due to long term health needs
- Pupils, staff and parents understand what the school is responsible for when education is being provided by the local authority

Legislation and Guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996

It is also based on the guidance provided by Wokingham Borough Council; please visit the WBC Hub at <https://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/>

Or the government at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-for-children-with-health-needs-who-cannot-attend-school>

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association

The Responsibilities of the School

If the school makes the arrangements:

Initially, Walter Infant School and Nursery will make every attempt to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school via our school website <https://www.walter.wokingham.sch.uk/website> under Home Learning.

In addition:

- The Year Group Leader, working in partnership with the Inclusion Manager and Class Teacher will make arrangements for the child's education
- This could include an adapted timetable, work being sent home, an adapted curriculum or on occasion, a member of staff visiting the child at home
- Decisions will be made in conjunction with the child's parents or carers wishes and with guidance from outside agencies where relevant. Meetings will be held on a regular basis to set up and review provision.
- Children will be reintegrated back into school when appropriate, and may include; an adapted curriculum, a modified timetable, support from nurture assistants and the SEND Team.

If the Local Authority makes the arrangements:

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Wokingham Borough Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

- Education for a child would be deemed unsuitable if the child was deemed to be missing in education (CME) for an extended period
- Education from school would be unsuitable if the child was unable to attend school due to medical reasons for a substantial period of time.

- The school would make a referral to the Health Related Education Team HRET

In cases where the local authority WBC makes arrangements, Walter Infant School and Nursery will:

- Work constructively with Wokingham Borough Council, providers. Relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil
- Share information with the Wokingham Borough Council and relevant health services as required
- Help make sure that the provision offered to the pupil is as effective as possible and that the child can be reintegrated back into school successfully
- When reintegration is anticipated, work with Wokingham Borough Council to:
 - Plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the school, allowing the pupil to access the same or similar curriculum and materials that they would have used in school (as far as possible).
 - Enable the pupil to stay in touch with school life (e.g. through newsletters, emails, invitations to school events or internet links to lessons from school).
 - Create individually tailored re-integration plans for each child returning to school
 - Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

Monitoring Arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every three years by the governing body, where it will then be approved by the whole governing body.

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies

- Accessibility Plan
- Supporting children with medical conditions
- SEND Policy