HOLLY GROVE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

Policy Status	Statutory School Policy
Owner	Headteacher
Approval	Local Governing Body
Review Frequency	Annual
Reviewed	October 2026
Next Review	October 2027

1. Purpose

This policy explains the role of Holly Grove Primary Academy in supporting pupils who cannot attend school because of physical or mental health needs.

2. Legal Framework

The policy is informed by Section 19 of the Education Act 1996, the Equality Act 2010 and DfE guidance Ensuring a Good Education for Children Who Cannot Attend School Because of Health Needs.

3. Aims

To minimise disruption to education, maintain links with school, promote wellbeing and support successful reintegration.

4. School Responsibilities

The school will maintain regular contact with families, liaise with health professionals and the Local Authority, provide appropriate work, monitor progress and plan reintegration.

5. Referral and Support

Where absence is expected to be long term, the school will gather relevant information and work with the Local Authority where additional provision may be required.

6. Education During Absence

Work, learning resources, online learning opportunities and pastoral contact will be provided where appropriate and in line with medical advice.

7. Mental Health

The school recognises that mental health needs can affect attendance and will work collaboratively with families and professionals to reduce barriers to education.

8. Reintegration

A personalised reintegration plan may include phased attendance, curriculum adjustments, pastoral support and review meetings.

9. Safeguarding

All safeguarding duties continue during periods of absence. Concerns will be managed in line with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

10. Equality

Reasonable adjustments will be considered to ensure pupils can access education and are not disadvantaged because of a medical condition or disability.

11. Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body will review this policy annually.

Governor Approval

Approved by the Local Governing Body of Holly Grove Primary Academy.

Chair of Governors: Darren Lennon

Headteacher: Dawn O'Hare

Date: October 2026