

ST.JOHN'S R.C. SCHOOL

POLICY FOR ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR PUPILS WITH MEDICAL NEEDS

Love One another As I Have loved You
John 15-12

Our school is a caring, safe place where everyone is equal. Inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teachings of Christ, we know, love and respect each other. At St. John's Catholic School we help one another to be the best that we can be.

Mission Statement

The school has a responsibility to ensure that pupils with medical needs have access to high quality educational support to enable them to continue their education effectively. Good communication between the school, home and other professionals are essential. The Head Teacher and Senco are responsible for the effective implementation of this policy.

Key Aims

1. To ensure all staff are regularly updated on specific medical needs.
2. To provide continued education as normally as the condition allows.
3. To reduce the risk of lowering self-confidence and educational achievement.
4. To promote equal access to education for all children in our care.
5. To establish effective liaison with all stake-holders.
6. To ensure that prompt, appropriate action takes place.

The Head Teacher and Senco will:

1. Monitor the attendance of all pupils with medical conditions.
2. Liaise with an ESW regarding all pupils expected to be absent from school for 15 days or more. This includes time spent in hospital.
3. Liaise with medical professionals and Oxfordshire Hospital School staff when appropriate to plan provision.
4. Co-ordinate education provision for those pupils who have disrupted patterns of schooling.
5. Co-ordinate the provision of work that will support a broad and balanced curriculum where appropriate by liaising with the designated home tutor.
6. Ensure that pupils with disrupted patterns of schooling are informed about activities and social events.

7. Monitor provision, progress and reintegration arrangements.
8. Ensure that the views of pupils and parents/carers are taken into account.
9. Ensure that the appropriate Code of Practice is in place.

This policy endorses the Oxfordshire County Council Policy and the DfES statutory guidance 'Access to Education for Children and Young People with medical needs' (2002)

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