

# MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PRIMARY ACADEMY



## POLICY STATEMENT FOR CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS WHO CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL

*Every child should have the best possible start in life through a high-quality education, which allows them to achieve their full potential. A child who has health needs should have the same opportunities as their peer group, including a broad and balanced curriculum. As far as possible, children with health needs and who are unable to attend school should receive the same range and quality of education as they would have experienced at their home school.*

*Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs, DfE, January 2013*

Mottram St. Andrew Primary Academy aims to provide the best education for all pupils, including ensuring appropriate access to education in the event that health needs impede attendance at school.

*LAs are responsible for arranging suitable full-time education for permanently excluded pupils, and for other children who – because of illness or other reasons – would not receive suitable education without such provision. This means that where a child cannot attend school because of health problems, and would not otherwise receive a suitable full-time education, the LA is responsible for arranging provision and must have regard to this guidance.*

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Mottram St. Andrew Primary Academy aims to support the LA and ensure that all children who are unable to attend school 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 condition allows, to enable them to reach their full potential.

We understand that we have a continuing role in a pupil's education whilst they are not attending the school and will work with the LA, healthcare partners 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. We recognise that, whenever possible, pupils should receive their education within their school and we will always reintegrate pupils back into school as soon as they are well enough.

In the event of a child being unable to attend school due to a health need, Mottram St. Andrew Primary Academy would refer to the following:

- Cheshire East Medical Needs Team Policy
- Cheshire East Medical Needs Service Referral Form

Referral to the Cheshire East Medical Needs Team involves an absence of at least 15 days and must be supported by one of the following health professionals:

- Consultant Paediatrician
- Consultant Child Psychiatrist
- Hospital Consultant

Pupils remain on the school roll throughout the process and any additional support will be regularly reviewed.

The aim of support is to ensure that pupils continue to receive good quality education which prevents them from falling behind their peers and allows them to reintegrate successfully back into school as soon as possible.

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