



# Children with Health Needs who cannot attend school

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At BASE Academy we are committed to securing education of all pupils regardless of needs. In order to do so a number of policies and practices are in place to support this. This may include but is not restricted to Special Education Needs policies, Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs Policy and also individual Health Care plans and risk assessments.

At times there may be a situation in which a pupil is unable to attend school due to a particular health need. This may be on a short or long term basis. In these situations it is the responsibility of the Local Authority to arrange suitable full-time education (or part time when appropriate for the child's needs) for children who are unable to attend a mainstream or special school because of their health. It applies equally whether a child cannot attend school at all or can only attend intermittently. 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 the statutory guidance<sup>1</sup> (appendix 1).

Park Teaching School, provide and coordinate this provision in Bolton. In some circumstances schools within the Trust may receive notification of the requirement for provision through external agencies such as Health services but schools can also make referrals to Park Teaching School through the Early Help Process. In all circumstances in which alternative provision is required, schools within the Trust will liaise closely with Park Teaching School in order that pupils receive the best possible education and also in order to support transition and reintegration into school when appropriate.

**Contact Details:**

Park Teaching School Service,  
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Stephens Street,  
Breightmet,  
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The statutory guidance for Local Authorities is an Appendix to this policy.

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<sup>1</sup> Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs – statutory guidance for local authorities January 2013