

Lindridge St Lawrence CE VA Primary School and Nursery



Discovering life in all its fullness. John 10:10

● *Hesed* ● *Hamdah* ● *Honesty* ● *Horizons* ●

September 2025

A **combined policy** that merges

‘Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs Policy’ and a ‘Pupils with Additional Health Needs Attendance Policy.’

This version is designed to be clear, inclusive, and compliant with statutory guidance.

This policy is reviewed at least annually by the governing body and was

Last reviewed on Date: 9th September 2025

by Headteacher Amanda Greenow-Langford

Next Review Date: September 2026

Signature: (Chair of Governors)

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Print Name: Meryl Roberts

1. Policy Statement

At Lindridge St Lawrence Primary School and Nursery we are committed to ensuring that all pupils with medical conditions or additional health needs are supported to access education fully and equitably. We aim to provide a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment where health needs are understood and accommodated, whether pupils are attending school or receiving education elsewhere due to illness.

2. Legal Framework

This policy is guided by:

- Children and Families Act 2014 (Section 100)
- Education Act 1996
- DfE Guidance: *Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions*
- DfE Guidance: *Education for Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School*

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- Pupils with short-term or long-term medical conditions.
- Pupils unable to attend school due to physical or mental health needs.
- Staff responsible for supporting these pupils, including SENCOs, pastoral leads, and attendance officers.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- **School Leadership:** Ensure policy implementation and staff training.
- **SENCO/Designated Lead:** Coordinate Individual Healthcare Plans (IHPs) and liaise with external agencies.
- **Parents/Carers:** Provide relevant medical information and collaborate on support plans.
- **Local Authority:** Arrange suitable education for pupils absent for 15+ school days due to health needs.

5. Individual Healthcare Plans (IHPs)

- Developed in collaboration with healthcare professionals, parents, and the pupil.
- Outline medical needs, medication, emergency procedures, and school adjustments.
- Reviewed annually or when needs change.

6. Attendance and Alternative Provision

- Pupils with additional health needs will not be penalized for health-related absences.
- The school will notify the LA if a pupil is absent for 10+ days (consecutive or cumulative).
- The LA will arrange suitable education (e.g., home tuition, hospital school).
- Reintegration plans will be developed to support return to school.

7. Medication and Emergency Procedures

- Medication will be administered in line with parental consent and medical advice.
- Staff will receive training where necessary.
- Emergency protocols will be clearly documented and accessible.

8. Safeguarding and Wellbeing

- Pupils receiving education outside school will remain on roll and be monitored.
- Regular contact will be maintained to ensure wellbeing and progress.
- Safeguarding procedures apply equally to pupils learning off-site.

9. Monitoring and Review

- The policy will be reviewed annually.
- Equality and inclusion data will be monitored.
- Feedback from pupils, families, and staff will inform updates.