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**Carlton Academy Trust
Children with Health Needs who
Cannot Attend School Policy**

Approved on behalf of Trustees:

Gareth Logan

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Glossary

LA: Local Authority

Parents: Umbrella term also including parents.

Policy Aims

This policy outlines the procedures trust schools follow to provide continuity of education provision for students who cannot attend school due to physical and mental health needs.

Short-Term Absence

Schools manage the illness absence of students up to 15 consecutive days in duration. Where relevant, the school will provide work to be sent home so that disruption to their education is minimised. Work will be marked and returned so they can progress their learning in alignment with other students in school. This may be supplemented by online tuition, resources, or provision from external agencies.

Long Term Absence

If the absence is more than 15 days or is expected to be for more than 15 days, a referral will be made to the LA Medical Needs and Hospital Education Service or similar. In liaison with parents and school, they will arrange for appropriate education provision at the student's home. Provision will be monitored on an ongoing basis, including weekly reports and formal termly reviews involving all parties to ensure that quality of service and provision is maintained. Reviews also help to inform whether the student is ready to resume education in their home school, remain in temporary home tuition, or have their needs met in permanent specialist provision.

Hospital Schools

Students who are extended stay patients at certain hospitals may be offered hospital tuition where fit, willing, and able to do so. Schools will liaise with hospital schools throughout their stay to provide relevant and appropriately differentiated work, information to support their learning, and ensure an effective transition back into school.

Responsibilities

The SENDCO is responsible for coordinating the provision of students who can't attend school for health reasons.

