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LARWOOD ACADEMY TRUST – CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS WHO CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL POLICY

1.AIMS

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Pupils, staff and parents understand what the school is responsible for when this education is being provided by the local authority

2. LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#).

It is based on guidance provided by Hertfordshire County Councils Educational Support for Medical Absence (ESMA) service <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/education-support/get-help-to-access-learning/education-support-for-medical-absence.aspX>

3. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL

The school will work with ESMA to ensure that any pupil of statutory school age who has medical evidence that they are unable to attend school, will receive support in the core subjects (English, Maths and Science). The school and ESMA aim to support your child in going back into school, as soon as they are well enough to do so. ESMA Teaching Service uses a variety of tools to support students including:

- **Online learning through Teams**
- face-to-face teaching by the ESMA Teacher (the number of hours will depend on your child's health needs)
- online face-to-face 1:1 tuition by the ESMA Teacher (the number of hours will depend on your child's health needs)
- education support by the ESMA Teaching Assistant

3.1 If the school makes arrangements

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

The details of this approach will be agreed with school staff in consultation with parents and relevant agencies. A variety of approaches are available to the school and we will make every effort to personalise the approach that best suits the needs of each pupil.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, ESMA will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school will:

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- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- Help make sure that the provision offered to the pupil is as effective as possible and that the child can be reintegrated back into school successfully
- When reintegration is anticipated, work with the local authority to:
- Plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the school, allowing the pupil to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in school as far as possible
- Enable the pupil to stay in touch with school life (e.g. through newsletters, emails, invitations to school events or internet links to lessons from their school)
- Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school
- Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

4. MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

This policy will be reviewed and approved annually by the board of Trustees at Larwood Academy Trust.

5. LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan