



MILECASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL NEEDS

RATIONALE

In line with school's Equal Opportunities Policy and following DfES guidance 'Access to Education for Children and Young People with Medical Needs' Milecastle Primary School believes that all pupils should have access to as much education as their medical condition will allow so that they are able to maintain the momentum of their education and keep up their studies.

NAMED PERSON

The headteacher will act as the named person through which enquiries regarding the educational needs of a sick child or young person should be directed. They should be the first port of call where a dialogue needs to be set up.

This may be delegated at a later stage to the child's class teacher if he/she has all the relevant information concerning the child and is the best person to provide work and up to date information about the child's attainment and progress.

ABSENCES DUE TO ILLNESS

- **up to 15 school days**

For those pupils who experience a period of absence of up to 15 days without notification, the school will inform its attached Attendance Officer or Family Support Officer in order to obtain a valid reason and as a method of tracing the pupil's attendance.

- **16 working days or more**

The above process will be followed but the school or Attendance Officer will liaise with Newcastle Bridges School in order to discuss the possibility of Medical Home Tuition. (Each case will be considered on its own merits).

INFORMATION

In the case of Milecastle being informed that a pupil is likely to have prolonged or recurrent periods of absence from school due to a medical condition, we will inform the concerned staff to ensure that the appropriate work is provided for the pupil.

Information will be placed on the pupil's records (refer to Information Sheet 1).

Any relevant information for staff will be displayed (refer to Information Sheet 2).

PROVISION OF WORK

Milecastle Primary School remains responsible for work for the pupil with medical needs. If the period of absence is less than three school weeks then the school will send work home if the child is well enough to do it. If the period of absence is expected to be longer than three weeks then the school will provide as much information as possible for the home tutor where the pupil is receiving Home Tuition or hospital teacher, where the pupil is in hospital.

REINTEGRATION

Returning to school after a period of illness can be an emotional hurdle for a child.

Milecastle will endeavour to maintain contact during the period of illness in order to support the successful return to school.

Where appropriate Milecastle will encourage some peer group contact as this is very important to the sick child.

Gradual reintegration will be facilitated where necessary as this may be of great importance to the success of reintegration.

The Named Person will draw up a reintegration plan if thought necessary. For a checklist of considerations please refer to **Reintegration Action Plan**.

For guidance on 'Access to Education of Children and Young People with Medical Needs' see the statutory guidance DfES 0732/2001 and 'Pupils with Medical Needs' Ofsted, September 2012.

For information regarding Home Tuition or hospital teaching contact:

Mrs. M. Dover,
Headteacher,
Newcastle Bridges School.
(see LA contact booklet)

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