

# Victoria Lane Academy



## Children with Health Needs who cannot attend school Policy 2026-2027



A Member of the Tudhoe Learning Trust



# **Equality Information and Equality Objectives**

## **For Victoria Lane Academy**

### **1. Aims**

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for students on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Students, 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 also based on guidance provided by our local authority

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

### **3. The responsibilities of the school**

#### **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.

#### **3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements**

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

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

- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the student
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- Help make sure that the provision offered to the student 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 annually by Heather Whitfield Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

#### **5. Links to other policies**

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting students with medical conditions

Signed: *H. D. Whitfield* Headteacher

Signed: *K Short* Chair of Governors

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