



Marazion School Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

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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 also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/healthneeds/>

3. The responsibilities of the school

Marazion School would follow Cornwall Council's guidance on providing education to children with additional health needs, and carry out the responsibilities it places on our school.

3.1 If Marazion School makes arrangements:

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

This will involve but is not limited to liaison between the headteacher and the pupil's parents to determine what support may be appropriate in each given circumstance.

The class teacher will be responsible for making and monitoring arrangements. Work will be provided by Marazion School's remote learning offer via SeeSaw and would include *Zoom/Teams* meetings to teach remotely. The Marazion School remote learning offer follows the usual Marazion School day/week. Marazion School would also be able to support the child/children with an electronic device for this online learning. If ICT based support is not possible, paper copies can be sent home and/or delivered to parents via email. Equipment and resources would also be provided by Marazion School as needed.

A risk assessment for an online learning offer will also be completed and signed by a Marazion School senior leader and parents of the child/children. The Full Governing Board are also informed of any child who is accessing remote learning for a length of time.

Marazion School will consult with parents about arrangements via a face to face meeting or a phone appointment as soon as possible on being informed of a need and on a regular basis thereafter. A discussion will take place between the parents, headteacher and class teacher about the best way to reintegrate the pupil back into school.

Marazion School may refer cases to the hospital school service and liaise with them if children are accepted and enrolled with the service.

Where children have EHC plans or are on the SEN register of need the school will consult with the statutory SEN services at Cornwall County Council.

Reintegration into school will be managed by the headteacher making use of appropriate members of staff usually class teacher and associated TAs that the children are comfortable with. Where anxieties and/or mental health barriers prevent children from returning to school the Marazion School's SENCO will organise and manage reintegration.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements:

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

In cases where the Cornwall Council makes arrangements, the school will:

- 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 Cornwall 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 remote learning; newsletters; emails; invitations to school events)
- Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school
- Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made.

4. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

Accessibility plan

Health and Safety - supporting pupils with medical conditions

Remote Learning Offer

Individual Health Care Plans

SEND Information Report