

## Stanton Harcourt CE School

### Policy for Access to Education for Pupils with Medical Needs

The school has a responsibility to ensure that pupils with medical needs have access to high quality educational support to enable them to continue their education effectively. Good communication and co-operation between the school, home and other professionals are essential. The Headteacher is responsible for the effective implementation of this policy.

The key aims of the policy are to:

- provide continued education as normally as the condition allows
- reduce the risk of lowering self-confidence and educational achievement
- promote equal access to education for all children and young people
- establish effective liaison
- ensure that prompt action takes place

The Headteacher will:

- monitor the attendance of all pupils with medical conditions (code **M** authorised absence for medical reasons and code **B** when the pupil is receiving education other than at school)
- liaise with an education officer and ESW regarding **all** pupils expected to be absent from school for 15 days or more (includes time in hospital)
- liaise with the ESW, EP, EO, medical professionals and Oxfordshire Hospital School staff, as appropriate to plan provision
- co-ordinate education provision from the **first day** of absence for those pupils who have disrupted patterns of schooling (i.e. recurring illnesses and chronic conditions)
- ensure that pupils receive a minimum entitlement of five hours teaching per week, as long as the pupil feels able to cope
- co-ordinate the provision of work that will support a broad and balanced curriculum, where appropriate by liaising with the designated OHS Outreach Teacher
- ensure that there are mechanisms in place to communicate information about activities and social events to enable the pupil to keep in touch with peers
- monitor provision, progress and reintegration arrangements
- ensure that the views of pupils and parents/carers are taken into account
- ensure the appropriate Code of Practice (SEN and Disability) procedures are in place, as required.

**This policy endorses the Oxfordshire Hospital School's Admission Policy and DFES Statutory guidance 'Access to Education for Children and Young People with Medical Needs (2001)'.**

**Effective from:** .....**Review date:** .....