



# **St. Luke's CEVA Primary School**

## **Policy for supporting children with health needs who cannot attend school**

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**Aspiring to be just and kind**

**Walking humbly with God**

**Growing with every opportunity**



At St. Luke's, we are committed to fostering a community built on justice, kindness, service and respect, ensuring that everyone—regardless of background—is treated with dignity, warmth, and fairness. We are a Church of England VA School and we welcome all faiths.

We strive to embed a positive approach to our relationships which is evident in our behaviour in and out of school. We believe in restorative justice, to emphasise respect and reconciliation for all.

Our goal is to inspire pupils to make ethical choices and become agents of change, both within their own communities and beyond. We provide an environment where all individuals can flourish, experiencing a life-enhancing encounter with the Christian faith and Jesus Christ.

With hearts of compassion, we encourage service to others, extending kindness and support both within our school and the wider world. Through an excellent and broad-based curriculum, we ignite enthusiasm, energy, and dedication, empowering pupils to fully grow within their learning journey.

We prioritise diverse opportunities in sports, music, the arts, technology, and culture, supporting pupils' spiritual, moral, social, and personal development. We encourage pupils to grow in the 'fruits of the Spirit'—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control.

Our pupils grow with every opportunity and flourish spiritually.

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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 is also based on guidance provided by the London Borough of Newham.

### 3. 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.

- The Headteacher (HT) will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements.
- The HT will immediately consult with parents and pupils about these arrangements as soon as it has been determined that they will need to be schooled offsite for a while.
- The school will loan appropriate remote device (Chromebook or ipad)
- If pupil is to be educated from a hospital the class teacher will work with the HT to make sure appropriate work is sent to the hospital teacher
- The school will work with the family to reintegrate the pupil back into school at the soonest safe time and this may require a staggered return.

#### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, the London Borough of Newham will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils.

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 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
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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. Via school social media – Schoolping & Instagram & 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 the Governing Board.

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

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Single Equality Plan