

MEDICAL NEEDS PROVISION POLICY

“Schools have a vital role to play in ensuring that pupils who are absent from school because of their medical needs have the educational support they need to maintain their education”. DfES Access to Education 2001, 1.17).

Provision for Pupils with Medical Needs

Cromwell Community College is committed to ensuring that pupils who have medical needs are able to continue with their education *“as normally as the incapacity allows”* (DfES Access to Education 2001, Introduction). We acknowledge that all children, regardless of any medical need, have a right to education according to their age, ability and needs, and will seek to keep, *“education alive in the pupil’s life”* (DfES Access to Education 2001, Introduction).

Liaison with Other Agencies

Cromwell Community College will maintain responsibility for all pupils on its roll including those with medical needs. We expect that Cambridgeshire LA will provide appropriate resources to enable pupils to maintain access to education in those instances wherein there is clear medical evidence that attendance at College is not currently possible. We commit to working with the parents/carers of pupils who have medical needs, and with the LA, medical practitioners and other appropriately involved agencies to meet pupil need and to enable pupils to access mainstream education wherever possible.

We will ensure that Connexions is informed about all pupils from Year 9 upwards who have long term medical needs which may affect future prospects, in order that personal advisers are able to contact and support those pupils.

College Responsibility

Cromwell Community College will:

- Nominate a senior member of staff who will hold responsibility for the provision of education to pupils who have medical needs;

- Ensure that for each pupil referred for education other than at College for medical reasons there is a named person responsible for liaison with the Secondary Support and Inclusion Service;
- Nominate a Governor responsible for reviewing the procedures that apply to educating pupils with medical needs.

Cromwell Community College will ensure that:

- Any pupil who is unable to attend College for more than 15 days for professionally verified medical reasons is referred to the Secondary Support and Inclusion Service for appropriate support/provision
- Work and materials are provided for medical needs pupils to maintain their access to the same curriculum as their peers
- Contact is maintained with the pupil and the appropriate staff from the Secondary Support and Inclusion Service to ensure that links with mainstream are protected and reintegration into the mainstream is planned and managed wherever possible
- The views of medical practitioners, the pupils and their parents/carers are taken into account when establishing how reintegration may most successfully be achieved
- For pupils who are due to take external examinations appropriate arrangements are made to enable those to be completed wherever possible.

Registers and Role

Cromwell Community College will ensure that registers are accurately maintained, with pupils educated other than at College being marked in accordance with guidance from the Education Welfare Service. No pupil will be removed from the College roll unless the School Medical Officer certifies him/her to be unable to attend College before ceasing to be of compulsory age.

Reintegration

Cromwell Community College will accommodate requests for reduced/flexible timetables for pupils during a period of reintegration.

Cromwell Community College is committed to working with Cambridgeshire LA to develop high quality learning resources for pupils with medical needs. The need for these resources to be available flexibly to pupils who suffer from chronic fatigue and related syndromes and to be accessible and appealing to pupils requires that we develop a range of learning resources and, particularly, work to develop on-line and electronic facilities.

This policy will be updated in the light of new legislation and evaluation of practice.