

ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH MEDICAL NEEDS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND COLLEGE ON A FULL-TIME BASIS

Kingsbridge Community College is committed to providing an inclusive education which enables all students to have access to as much education as their medical condition allows so they are able to maintain the momentum of their education and to keep up with their studies and attain maximum achievement.

Objectives

- To implement the LEA policy 'Access to Education for Children and Young People with Medical Needs' and DCSF statutory guidance on Access to Education for Children and Young People with Medical Needs.
- To implement the Disability Discrimination Act.
- To work in partnership with students/parents/carers to support students with medical needs during any period of absence and on return to College.
- To work in close liaison with Education/Health/other services and agencies involved with the student.

Principles

- We maintain responsibility for the education of children and young people with medical needs on our College roll.
- We consult regularly with the student/parents/carers and work in collaboration with them, acknowledging that young people have a right to be involved in making decisions and exercising choice.
- We ensure that a student on our College roll who is unable to attend College because of medical needs has his/her needs identified and receives educational support quickly and effectively.
- We work closely with the Complementary Education Services (this includes the Hospital Education Service and the Link Education Service) and other services i.e. Education Welfare Service, in order that a consistent, well-structured approach is taken to meet the needs of the young people.
- We regularly assess the needs of students with long term medical needs to ensure our support is appropriate and consider whether an assessment under the Code of Practice on the Identification and Assessment of Students with Special Educational Needs is required.
- We work in collaboration with the student/parents/carers/other services and agencies to assist reintegration to our College.
- We ensure that students unable to attend College due to medical needs continue to be included in the life of our College.

Procedures

Kingsbridge Community College :

- names a teacher to have overall responsibility for students with medical needs. At the present time this is Mick Philips (Deputy Principal – Community).

- has clear systems and procedures for monitoring students absent with medical needs
- regularly audits students with medical needs identifying those with long term illness/recurring chronic illness/those who receive Link Education
- ensures registers show when a student is or ought to be receiving Link Education
- provides sufficient and appropriate work for students absent for less than 15 days only in consultation with parent/guardian
- provides assessment and curriculum plans within 5 working days for the Hospital Education Service and where appropriate the link tutor
- advises the Education Welfare Officer and obtains their advice for the Link Education referral form and refers the student where we anticipate the absence will be more than 15 days
- initiates a planning meeting where the student's absence is anticipated to be more than 15 working days
- retains responsibility for hosting regular (at least one per term) review meetings to include student/parents/carers/Link Education and Hospital Education tutors and other services and agencies
- provides sufficient and appropriate work and resources for Hospital and Link Education tutors and marks coursework
- ensures the named teacher or a representative (usually tutor, Head of Year or Assistant Principal) attends review meetings initiated by the LA.
- ensures students have access to the Connexions personal adviser
- ensures access to work placement programmes where appropriate
- ensures the named teacher or the Head of Year liaises with the examinations officer so students are entered for exams and arrangements are made to sit exams as an external candidate if necessary
- ensures that the named teacher or the Head of Year sends home information on College activities, parents/carers evenings, College plays/concerts etc, and facilitates contact where appropriate with College friends and members of the College staff.

Kingsbridge Community College is committed to supporting and including young people with medical needs and working in partnership with students/parents/carers/other services and agencies to ensure our students have a continuum of education whether at College, hospital or home.

**Ratified by the Governors' Community Committee
16th January 2009**