



Education and Fanconi Anaemia

It is important to note that every child or young person with Fanconi Anaemia has different needs.

Policy for supporting pupils with medical conditions



On 1 September 2014 a duty came into force for governing bodies to ensure support for pupils at school with medical conditions. The aim is to ensure that all children with medical conditions, in terms of both physical and mental health, are properly supported in school so that they can play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve their academic potential.

Governing bodies must make sure that a policy for supporting pupils with medical conditions in school is developed and implemented. They should ensure that enough staff have received suitable training and are competent before they take on responsibility to support the child.

Key points:

- Pupils at school with medical conditions should be properly supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education.
- Governing bodies must ensure that arrangements are in place in schools to support pupils at school with medical conditions.
- Governing bodies should ensure that school leaders consult health and social care professionals, pupils and parents to ensure that the needs of children with medical conditions are properly understood and effectively supported.

Long-term absences due to health problems affect children's educational attainment, impact on their ability to integrate with their peers and affect their general wellbeing and emotional health. Reintegration back into school should be properly supported so that children with medical conditions fully engage with learning and do not fall behind when they are unable to attend. Short-term and frequent absences, including those for appointments connected with a pupil's medical condition, also need to be effectively managed and appropriate support put in place to limit the impact on the child's educational attainment and emotional and general wellbeing. ***You should meet with school's Inclusion Manager, Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO), Headteacher or Head of Year to discuss this.***

Hospital School



Many hospitals have a schoolroom, teachers and Learning Support Assistants (LSAs). They often work at a child's bedside. They work closely with schools to ensure that children/young people are taught relevant and appropriate work. It is a good idea to focus on maths and for secondary pupils, science too, as gaps in their learning are much more evident in these subjects. If needed, a child can take exams in hospital.

Individual Health Care Plans (IHCPs)

Parent/carers may meet with health care professionals and schools to identify a child's/young person's needs. Training may need to be delivered, medication discussed, and procedures agreed. IHCPs are usually written by SENCOs with the help of a parent/carer and relevant medical staff. These need to be shared with all relevant adults in the school. It is often worth checking that relevant secondary teachers have seen these plans.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Some children with medical conditions may be disabled under the definition set out in the Equality Act 2010. Where this is the case, governing bodies must comply with their duties under that Act. Some may also have special educational needs (SEN) and may then have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan which brings together health and social care needs, as well as their special educational provision. SEND 2015 Code of Practice provides statutory guidance on duties, policies and procedures relating to Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014 and associated regulations. **Discuss this with the SENCO/Inclusion Manager.** As funding is short are Educational Authorities are finding it increasingly difficult to fund these plans.

Useful websites: -

www.gov.uk?/children-with-special-education-needs

www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk

www.gov.uk/governmentpublicationsupporting-pupils-at-school-with-medical-conditions--3



The Harbour School schoolroom at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth