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1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for students on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Due to COVID 19, education is also provided to students who cannot attend school as they are having to shield due to their own underlying health condition or that of a family member.
- Students, staff and parents understand what the Academy 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 our local authority.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and the CST articles of association.

3. The responsibilities of the Academy

3.1 If the Academy makes arrangements

Bristol Cathedral Choir School will regularly keep in contact with Bristol City Council with regards to those students who are being educated by Hospital Education or other establishments supported by the local authority. When students are using outside providers e.g. Hospital Education there will be regular correspondence, ensuring that schemes of work and other resources are shared.

The Local Authority is also made aware of those students who are having to shield due to COVID 19.

For students who are not in school, for a shorter period of time due to health needs or that they are shielding, BCCS will make arrangements to deliver a suitable education for the students.

- Deputy Head Teacher - [Esther Messinger](#) - is responsible for providing an education to those students who are on roll and are not currently attending Bristol Cathedral Choir School.
- School work will be sent home through online learning using the VLE and Google Classroom. Live lessons are also provided by subject teachers.
- When students are studying away from BCCS there will be regular communication with home or other educational establishments.

- When a student is ready to return to BCCS, we will hold a preliminary meeting to ensure that the student's needs are provided with a suitable timetable.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the Academy can't make suitable arrangements, Bristol City Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these students.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the Academy will:

- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the student
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- Help make sure that the provision offered to the student is as effective as possible and that the student can be reintegrated back into Academy successfully
- When reintegration is anticipated, work with the local authority to:
 - Plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the Academy, allowing the student to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in Academy as far as possible
 - Enable the student to stay in touch with Academy life (e.g. through newsletters, emails, invitations to Academy events or internet links to lessons from their Academy)
 - Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each student returning to Academy
 - Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Head Teacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.