



MAESMARCHOG PRIMARY SCHOOL
Ysgol Gynradd Maesmarchog

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1. INTRODUCTION

This policy is written in response to the guidance contained in the Welsh Assembly Government circular "Access to Education and Support for Children and Young People with Medical Needs. 2010."

The school will continue to be responsible for all children unable to attend school for medical reasons and they should be able to access education without stigma or exclusion.

Children covered by this policy may:

- Be recovering from an illness or injury keeping them away from school during recovery;
- Have a long term or recurring illness;
- Have an illness or clinically defined mental health disorder which causes them to be absent for a period in excess of 15 days where medical opinion states they are still unable to access mainstream school.

2. AIM

Our aim is to ensure that all children and young people in our school continue to have access to as much education as their medical condition allows so that they are able to maintain the momentum of their education and to keep up with their studies. The nature of the provision will be responsive to the demands of medical conditions that can sometimes be changeable.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

The school has a designated contact responsible for the education of children with medical needs whose role it is to facilitate communication with all parties and ensure that the school is meeting the needs of all those identified. Usually, this will be the Headteacher. The Headteacher will also ensure prior written agreement is obtained for any medication to be given.

Areas of general responsibility will include:

- Maintaining a list of children and young people with medical conditions in the school.
- Ensuring that contact is maintained with children (and their families) who are away from school due to illness for a period of less than 15 working days, setting of work if they are well enough, forwarding of newsletters etc, welcoming them back to school, ensuring that all staff are aware of their up to date medical situation and ensuring that any adjustments to accommodation, curriculum are made, together with ongoing monitoring of their situation and needs whilst in school.

- Keeping the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) informed of all attendance issues regarding children and young people where there may be medical needs, either physical or mental.
- Ensuring that the school register is marked appropriately.
- Maintaining contact with the School Nurse.
- Ensuring that close contact is maintained with them (and their family) and that arrangements are in place for the setting and marking of work. This is particularly important for those for whom a support programme is being arranged.

4. PARENTS/CARERS AND CHILDREN

The school will work closely with parents/carers and the individual child during the period of medical need. The school will endeavour to work collaboratively with parents/carers in order that both parties have access to information, advice and support during the period of the child's illness. Opportunities, where appropriate to the child's age and understanding, will be given to allow the child to be involved in making decisions and choices regarding the support school provides during their illness.

5. REINTEGRATION

The school will have a key role to play in the successful reintegration and will be proactive in working with all agencies to support a smooth transition and in ensuring that peers are involved in supporting the child's reintegration.

This Policy will be reviewed every 3 years or earlier if deemed necessary.

Chair of Governors



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