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Section 19 legal framework

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Section 19 of the Education Act 1996 requires local authorities to arrange suitable education for children of compulsory school age who, by reason of illness, exclusion or otherwise, would not receive suitable education unless arrangements are made.

The council also has regard to:

- The Children and Families Act 2014
- The SEND Code of Practice (2015)
- Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions (DfE)
- Arranging Education for Children Who Cannot Attend School Because of Health Needs (DfE 2023)
- Working Together to Improve School Attendance (DfE)
- The Equality Act 2010

Parents retain their duty under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 to ensure their child receives suitable education.

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