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Resources & Services

If you require further clarification or have any queries in relation to home tuition or Section 19 please do not hesitate to contact Bury Council's School Attendance, Exclusions and Community Education Manager on hometuition@bury.gov.uk

[Arranging education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[Home Education / Children with Medical needs - Bury Council](#)

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What to do

The nature of the provision that is put in place will be dependent on the child's needs. The panel will consider a range of provisions including: - One to one, home tuition either virtually or face to face. - Online and/or virtual learning - Full or part-time placement at Park House, a part of Spring Lane School.

If you feel that a child/ren are at risk of significant harm, then contact [Bury MASH](#) on 0161-253-5678 or Emergency Duty Team 0161-253-6606 or the Police on 999.

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Working Together

Section 19 Panels are successful due to the multiagency working from the following agencies who attend the panels:

- CAMHS / School Nurses
- Education / Schools
- Hospital School
 - Early Help
- Inclusion / Education

Bury Safeguarding Partnership

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Background

Section 19 of the Education Act 1996, requires local authorities to make arrangements to provide "suitable education at school or otherwise than at school for those children of compulsory school age who, by reason of illness, exclusion from school or otherwise, may not for any period receive suitable education unless such arrangements are made for them". This provision does not apply in the case of a child who will cease to be of compulsory school age within the next six weeks and does not have any relevant examinations to complete.

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Why it matters

The Department for Education statutory guidance "Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs – statutory guidance for local authorities" requires local authorities to provide education for children who cannot attend school because of their medical conditions.

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Section 19 Panel

Bury Local Authority receive referrals from schools along with medical evidence and background information about the student. The panel meets on a monthly basis to discuss each referral. Where a referral meets criteria, home tuition is implemented for the student and monitored. Weekly safeguarding visits are undertaken by the school as the child remains on the school's roll and is their responsibility. Where a referral is declined, recommendations are given to the referrer.

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Requirements

In order for the Section 19 panel to consider what type of provision may be required, referrals should be accompanied by written medical advice from an appropriate medical professional who has worked with the child, which should indicate: - Whether the child is not well enough to attend school - that the child is well enough to participate in education - for how long support might be required - a description of medical need and what medical intervention is currently in place.