

Medical Tuition

What do we do?

How does the referral process work?

Voyage Learning Campus medical tuition is commissioned by North Somerset Council to ensure arrangements are in place for students who are **unable to attend school due to their medical needs**.

VLC Medical Tuition can provide:

- Education for students both in centre and if necessary, in the home
- Education which is tailored to the individual student's needs, as advised by the referring medical professional and in partnership with the referring school
- Regular monitoring and evaluation of student progress
- Re-integration support through joint planning and advice for school staff
- Close liaison with school based and external partners/professionals – including CAMHS

NOTE: Schools are charged for this provision at a subsidised rate of £20 per day from the first day the student is open to medical tuition, until the last day they are recorded as dual rolled. Further charges may be applied for access arrangements assessments and exam entries (capped at £400).

When can a referral to medical tuition be made?

A referral can be made if a student is unable to attend school due to a medical condition, such as:

- Chronic fatigue syndrome
- Recovery from a significant surgery
- Returning from Hospital education
- Debilitating medical conditions
- Anxiety
- Mental health conditions that preclude the student being in large groups/classes.

All referrals must be supported by a senior health professional, for example:

- Consultant Paediatrician or other Medical consultant
- Consultant Child Psychiatrist
- Clinical Child Psychologist
- Senior CAMHS clinician
- Senior Education Psychologist

In most cases, schools will have put in place appropriate strategies and support first before a referral is made. *When complex referrals are received, additional guidance may be sought from the Chief Medical officer (North Somerset).*

How does the referral process work?

Schools who wish to refer a student, need to complete an Inclusion Panel referral form and send this to collette.sweeting@n-somerset.gov.uk. This form should include the following:

- Referral letter with clear recommendations from appropriate medical professional
- Attendance data
- Information about the student [as prompted on the referral form]- this will ensure we are able to provide appropriate, targeted support

Referrals must be completed by SLT and supported by a parent or carer.

- If there is any missing or incomplete information, the referral form will be returned to the school.
- If further information is needed, or the referral is not appropriate, the student will be discussed at the next Inclusion Panel
- If the referral is accepted, the VLC will contact the referring school