



## School Equity Best Practice

**Title:** *BEDNET*

**Equity dimension:** *tick the dimension related to the practice*

- Fairness    Inclusion    Access    Opportunities  
 Personalised learning    Personal and social development

**Subject:** *(see above)*

**Target groups:** *choose the educational level focus of the practice*

- Early Years    Primary education    Lower secondary education  
 Upper secondary education    Vocational Training    Other

**Source:**

*Bednet is an external service we work with in a close relationship. The video interview was recorded at our technical atheneum in Jette.*

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**Description:**

*Bednet ensures that children and young people who are temporarily unable to attend school can follow the lesson in their class live from home. Pupils who have been absent for a long time or regularly due to illness, surgery, accident or pregnancy are in this way in class and remain in contact with their friends. Bednet is free of charge for both, family and school.*

### **Methodology:**

**Anyone** can request Bednet: children & young people themselves, parents, directors, teachers, doctors, hospital or CLB employees ... No need to consult with school or CLB. You can submit your application directly.

**When?** You can request Bednet at any time. If a medical treatment or maternity is in prospect, it is recommended to start the application at least 5 teaching weeks before.

**How?** Request Bednet without obligation via the online form. Be sure to hand in a doctor's note at your child's school and inform your doctor about the use of Bednet. At any stage, the information about pathology remains confidential and is treated with the necessary discretion.

### **Checklist**

1. The child needs to be 5 years (during school year) and/or is in the last year kindergarten.

2. Reason why the child will often be absent from school for a long time:

- Long-term or chronic illness
- Psychic illness
- Accident
- Operation
- Childbirth leave
- Other...

3. The child will use Bednet for at least one month during the school year, consecutively or divided over separate or half days. For children who are chronically ill, an absence of 4 school weeks is therefore spread over the entire school year.

4. The school is financed or subsidized by the Flemish Government.

5. The child can not apply for Bednet if it goes to school in:

- part-time vocational secondary education (DBSO)
- preparatory grades on higher education
- alternating vocational training in special secondary education

### **Resources:**

A Bednet consultant will contact the school to check whether the child is eligible. If that's the case a personal consultant will be appointed who will take care of all the practical aspects, including hardware, internet connection and help for start-up and during the whole process.

Bednet supplies all the computer material at school: fixed computer with movable camera, a loudspeaker, microphone, headphone and printer-scanner. The home package contains laptop with built-in webcam, printer-scanner, headset with microphone and extra headphones.

After installation the child is ready to make contact with the class! The Bednet helpdesk and the child's personal counselor are available for help.

*There are no further financial consequences.*

**Outcomes:**

**Ill and yet at school**

*Bednet ensures that sick children and young people who are temporarily unable to attend school from home. In this way they join the lesson and continue to see friends. Pupils who are absent or absent for a long period due to illness, surgery, accidents or pregnancy will be able to pursue their education. Both five-year olds and children from primary and secondary education are eligible.*

*Bednet connects the sick child live via internet with it's class. Classmates from their side can see and communicate with the Bednetter on the computer screen in the back of the classroom. Through a camera that the child can control from home, the child can follow courses and talk with classmates.*

*Bednet always works in close relation with the parents, the school and eventually other organizations such as temporary home education, volunteers and hospital schools.*

**Advantages**

*The absent child is still joining the lesson so 9 out of 10 of the Bednetters move on to the next year without doubling! The regular contact with classmates and friends at school takes them out of isolation. This social inclusion is very advantageous for the recovery process!*

**Free and simple**

*Bednet is free of charge for parents and school: hardware (computer and build-in cam), internet connection and guidance are made available. The system is simple and user friendly, even for toddlers and primary school children. Bednet is supporting the entire process.*

**Discreet**

*All information about the illness remains confidential and will be handled discretely.*

*Bednet only facilitates, the content of the lessons and the pedagogical approach remain the full responsibility of the school.*

**Supporting documents:** see → <https://www.bednet.be/>

**Interview:** recorded video → <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1Z95GSI5hQ>