



# The Judd School

## Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

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# 1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Pupils, staff and parents understand what the school is responsible for when this education is being provided by the local authority

## 2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#). It is also based on [guidance](#) provided by our local authority.

## 3. The responsibilities of the school

The school will seek to place a child in the most appropriate provision, based on the pupil's needs. The school collects evidence from Health colleagues to help inform this decision. The school discusses the referral with parents and the young person, including reflecting their views in and obtaining their signature on, the documentation. The form is signed by the school Headteacher and sent to the relevant Service Headteacher or colleague, depending on the provision.

In the first instance, the school will work to support the student to be supported to continue to attend, perhaps on a reduced timetable, or will support their learning from home, where feasible.

### 3.1 If the school makes arrangements

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

The Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral will be responsible for monitoring these arrangements, which might include: sending work home, hospital schools, remote provision utilising technology etc. The Deputy Headteacher-Pastoral will work with the appropriate member of the pastoral team to ensure that the appropriate referral is made.

Parents and the student in question will be consulted to determine how best this provision can be made.

When students are ready to return to school life, an individual reintegration plan will be co-designed with student and parents.

### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Kent County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school will:

- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the student
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required

- Help make sure that the provision offered to the student is as effective as possible and that the child can be reintegrated back into school successfully
- When reintegration is anticipated, work with the local authority to:
  - plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the school, allowing the pupil to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in school as far as possible.
  - enable the pupil to stay in touch with school life (e.g. through newsletters, emails, invitations to school events or internet links to lessons from their school).
  - create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school.
  - consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made.

## **4. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed biennially by Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing body.

## **5. Links to other policies**

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with Medical Conditions
- SEND Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy