



The Craylands School

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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. Responsibilities of the school

If your child is of [school age](#) and unable to go to their regular school because they are in hospital or they have a long-term medical condition, we can help them continue their education.

This may include:

- home tuition
- education at a local centre or other office
- education in hospital.

The type of help we offer will depend on your child's specific illness or medical needs. To be eligible for our help, your child must have a suitably long-term medical condition. Short hospital stays or illnesses don't count.

Under 2013 government statutory guidance, the school has the initial responsibility in making necessary arrangements or adjustments to meet your child's health needs. As soon as you know that your child has a long-term illness or medical condition you need to talk to their school so that the school can provide necessary support.

If the school is unable to provide the support, they may refer your child to [The Rosewood School](#) who will get in touch with you if your child is eligible for our help.

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 school will use remote technology through Class Dojo and Purple Mash and/or will provide paper based work that can be sent home. Consultation will be made with parents/carers as to the best approach.



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The school will work alongside parents/carers when the child is ready to return to school in ensuring a suitable transition is considered e.g. use of a reduced timetable if necessary.

The school will keep in regular contact with the child's parents/carers, making contact at least once per week if the child is on long term sickness.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school is unable to provide the support, they may refer your child to [The Rosewood School](#) who will get in touch with you if your child is eligible for our help.

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 pupil
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- Help make sure that the provision offered to the pupil 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 annually by headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Remote acceptable use policy



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