

St Mark's CE Primary School

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Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

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Our Vision

St Mark's CEP School is committed to developing children that are courageous, compassionate and creative, making excellent all-round progress so they can reach their unique potential, experience and share "life in all its fullness". We Aspire, Believe, Succeed

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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](#).

This policy reflects the requirements of the statutory guidance [Education for children with health needs who cannot attend school - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

It also based on guidance provided by our local authority. <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-attendance/children-with-long-term-illness>

Children with long-term illness

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 do not count. Under 2013 Government statutory guidance, the school has the initial responsibility in making necessary arrangement or adjustment to meet your child's health needs. Therefore, 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 our [Children with long-term illness - Kent County Council](#) who will get in touch with you if your child is eligible for our help.

If you have any questions or want to find out if your child is eligible for our help, please call us on 01732 87 56 94. You can also get support through our [Early Help service](#).

3. The responsibilities of the school

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.

- Please contact the SENCo to discuss your child's needs.
- If we are unable to provide support for your child we will make a referral to Kent Health Needs Education Service (KHNES), who will get in touch with you if your child is eligible for their help.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Kent 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 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 Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions