

# James Dixon Primary School

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Primary



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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. [Education for children and young people with medical needs | Education for children and young people with medical needs | London Borough of Bromley](#)

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

### 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.

- The class teacher will arrange appropriate work via Google Classroom
- Parents will be informed through email or telephone contact

The class teacher will also be responsible for ensuring a supported reintegration of the child back into school after an extended period of illness - this will be in close consultation with parents/carers

#### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, the Local Authority (Bromley) will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

- Children at Princess Royal University Hospital can receive support from a qualified teacher either in the hospital classroom or at their bedside.

- Children identified as eligible for support outside of school can be taught at home, in a library or educational centre.
- Liaison with schools is maintained where a child is on roll so that continuity of learning is maintained.

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 Kevin Minnott Head of School. At every review, it will be approved by the full Local Governing Body.

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

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy