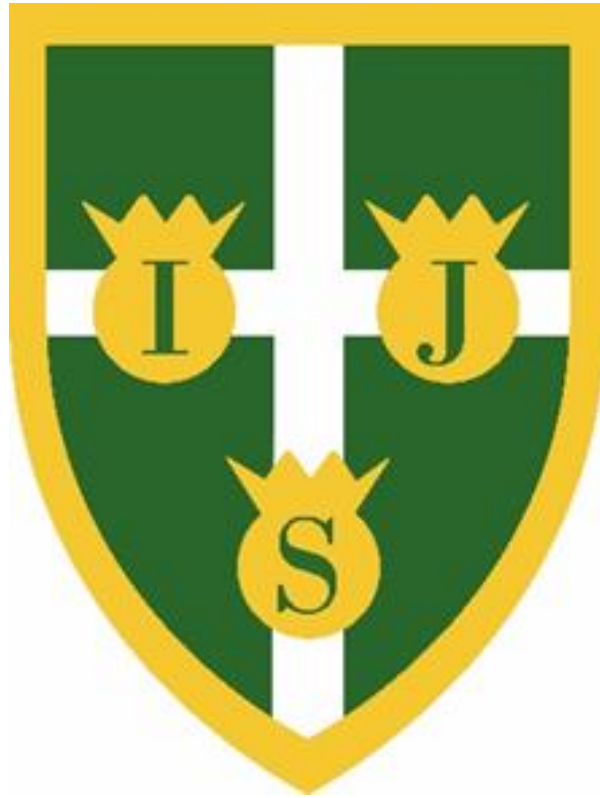


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Ingrave Johnstone Church of England Primary School



Children with medical conditions who cannot attend school policy

Agreed by Governors: Spring 2024

Review Date: Spring 2027

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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/carers 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

3.1 If the school makes the 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 liaise with the child's parents in the first instance, with support from the SENCo, if this is deemed necessary
- The education delivered will closely echo that set out in our remote education plan. This includes the use of Google Classroom, if available, use of Oak Academy resources, and/or sending work home for completion at home. The arrangements will depend upon the child's circumstances eg if they are in hospital, and use may be made of hospital education services, if available.
- The school will work with parents to ensure that the education provided is appropriate to the child's needs and medical condition and the class teacher will be in regular communication with parents during the period that the child is absent from school.
- The child's reintegration back into school will be very much dependent upon their medical condition and the school will follow advice from medical professionals and parents to facilitate this. For example, this might mean a reduced timetable for a period of time to enable the child to settle back into school.

3.2 If the local authority makes the arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Essex local authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils.

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

- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents/carers 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

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- Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed tri-annually by the Governing Body. 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 education plan