

# Herne Bay High School's Children with diagnosed Health Needs who cannot attend school

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Herne Bay High School works closely and collaboratively with Kent County Council to support any of our students who are unable to attend school due to diagnosed health needs.

## Introduction

For those pupils too unwell to attend school, the key to successfully maintaining continuity of education is for Herne Bay High School and Kent County Council to have clear strategies and timely support available.

It is recognised nationally in Statutory Guidance that pupils who continue in education during their illness and recuperation are likely to recover more quickly with the minimum possible adverse effect on their educational and life outcomes.

Pupils with health needs which prevent them attending their home school may be considered disabled in terms of the Disability Discrimination Act (examples of this might include those with epilepsy, diabetes, brain injury, or degenerative neuro muscular conditions)

Herne Bay High School therefore needs to have regard to the duty imposed by the Act to make reasonable adjustments for the inclusion of such pupils.

Only after such consideration and reasonable adjustments have been made will we consider referral to the The Rosewood School [The Rosewood School \(trs.kent.sch.uk\)](https://trs.kent.sch.uk) for provision of continuity of education as follows:

- Pupils whose mental health needs are at Tier 3 (CAMHS).
- Pupils whose physical health is evidenced by a hospital (paediatrician, consultant or registrar) to be too unwell to attend school. This applies to pupils whose cases are managed by hospitals within Kent as well as in more specialist hospitals in London and across the country.
- Pupils whose illness has reduced their school attendance to less than 50% but is also evidenced by a health professional as above.
- Pupils post 16 will be considered where schools will make a fresh referral and can provide renewed medical evidence to repeat a year

## Pathway to Support

When we are aware that a pupil is diagnosed as unfit for school and their attendance has ceased or reduced to 50% or less, we will provide work to the pupil at home for 15 schools days. During that

time and if the illness is going to last longer, we will consider applying to The Rosewood School for an appropriately agreed package of support which might include the following types of support:

- Home Tuition.
- Attendance at a base or satellite usually in Canterbury
- Individual tuition in school.
- A combination/bespoke package as agreed by all parties.

All of the support programmes will include how HBHS will maintain links with the pupil and their family to facilitate a successful reintegration.

While supported by The Rosewood School, pupils will be dual rolled so any absence will be born by the Service and not Herne Bay High School's attendance figures. The intention always with this intervention is to ensure a swift and effective return to mainstream education. Usually this takes between 6-8 weeks unless the medical condition is prolonged.

### **Pupils with Statements of Special Educational Need (EHCP's)**

Where pupils with an EHCP develop additional health needs, the school will need to call an early annual review with KCC SEND to decide on an appropriate course of action or whether the provision needs to be reconsidered.