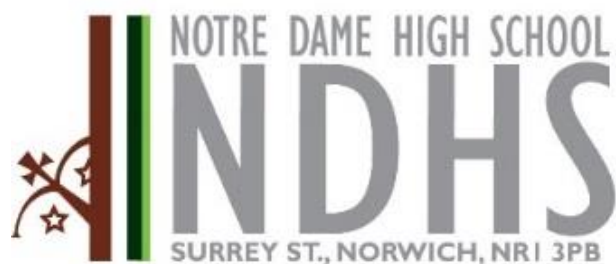


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NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

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CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS WHO CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL POLICY

THE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full
(John 10:10)

We are a joyous and inclusive Catholic school, inspired by the love of God and the teachings of Jesus, specifically faith, hope, forgiveness and peace.

Our community is committed to a rounded education that develops knowledgeable, morally informed and compassionate young leaders.



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Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

Norfolk County Council is responsible for arranging suitable full-time education* for children of compulsory school age who, because of illness, would not receive suitable education otherwise.

Norfolk County Council commission online learning to support the home-learning of children that are unable to attend school because of health needs. Notre Dame can make a Medical Needs Referral for a child who cannot attend school because of health needs where they will be away from school. This is all applied for utilising the agreed Joint Medical Protocol as detailed on the Norfolk Safeguarding children Partnership website.

Details of the Medical Needs Referral process and the evidence required can be found via The Norfolk County Council Medical Needs Service Policy.

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

1. Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil.
2. Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required.
3. Help make sure the provision offered to the pupil is as effective as possible and that the child can be reintegrated back in to school successfully.
4. Conduct weekly wellbeing checks with the student either on the school premises or via TEAMS (if the student is not able to come to the school premises).
5. 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 their lessons from school)
 - Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school
 - Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made.

Website link for joint medical protocol -

[Joint Protocol between Health Services & Schools in respect of the management of pupil absence from school when medical reasons are cited Policy | NSCP](#)

Website link for NCC medical needs service -

[Medical needs service - Norfolk Schools and Learning Providers - Norfolk County Council](#)

*Unless it is evident that a pupil's medical condition means that full-time provision would not be in his or her interests.