

Policy for provision of remote learning

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Policy statement

Queen's Gate firmly believes that children learn best within the normal school environment. By attending school in person, pupils are more readily able to access the academic learning which takes place in taught lessons, as well as take advantage of the many wider opportunities offered at Queen's Gate, which support pupils' personal development.

Alongside this, Queen's Gate is committed to adhering to the DfE's regulations around attendance, which clearly emphasise that children should be attending school in person.

Authorising remote learning

On very rare occasions, the Principal will authorise remote learning for a pupil whose medical needs are such that she is not able safely to attend school. This may include a range of conditions, including temporary impairments such as a significant limb injury that would impair the pupil's ability to move safely around our buildings. The Principal may also authorise remote learning for a pupil whose SEMH needs require some time away from school.

In such instances, pupils will access lessons through Microsoft Teams, and the provisions in Appendix 5 of the Safeguarding Policy and the ICT Acceptable Use Policies (Staff and Pupils) will apply.

The provision of remote learning for a pupil will be regularly monitored and reviewed, and may be withdrawn if the School deems that the pupil is sufficiently well to attend in person.

Any such decision would be made in close discussion with the pupil's parents and any other external agencies involved (e.g. healthcare providers). Once a pupil has had remote learning withdrawn, any continued absence would be managed under the Attendance Policy.

Contexts in which remote learning will not be authorised

It is highly unlikely that the Principal will authorise remote learning in any other contexts. In particular, it will not be provided for any pupil whose family intend for her to be overseas for any length of time or any other context in which the absence is not authorised.

Requesting remote learning

If a parent wishes for their daughter to learn remotely, they should contact the Director of Junior School or Director of Pastoral Care in the first instance. They will gather the relevant information and, where appropriate, pass to the Principal for her authorisation.

Linked policies

Curriculum Policy ICT Acceptable Use Policies – Pupils, Staff Safeguarding Policy Staff Code of Conduct