

COVID-19 RELATED PUPIL ABSENCE A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS

What to do if ...	Action Needed	Return to school when ...
My child has Covid-19 symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGH TEMPERATURE (hot to touch on chest or back) • NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH (more than hour ago / 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs) • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE (cannot smell or taste anything) 	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the whole household. Book a test as soon as possible and INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT.	The test comes back negative.
My child tests positive for Covid-19.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days from the start of the symptoms). Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days from the start of the child's symptoms.	They feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell or taste as these symptoms can last for several weeks.
My child tests negative.	CONTACT THE SCHOOL Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day / next day).	The test comes back negative.
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	FOLLOW THE USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE.	48hrs after the last bout of sickness / diarrhoea, if this is the cause of absence.
Someone in our household has Covid-19 symptoms.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the whole household. Household members to be tested. Book a test for household members with symptoms as soon as possible and INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS.	The tests come back negative.
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days from the start of the household member's symptoms).	The child has completed 14 days of isolation.
Someone in my household tests negative for Covid-19.	CONTACT THE SCHOOL Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day / next day).	The test comes back negative.
NHS test & trace has identified my child has been in close contact with someone with confirmed Covid-19.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days from last contact with the person who has tested positive). Even if you take a test and it is negative, they must still self-isolate for the rest of the 14 days.	The child has completed 14 days of isolation.
We / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.	Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel, although we understand these can be subject to change with very little notice. If returning from a destination where quarantine required, then all travellers must self-isolate for 14 days. Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum 14 days from return date).	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.

<p>We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Shield informed the restrictions lifted and shielding is paused again.</p>	<p>School informs you restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school.</p>
<p>My child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL At home support for your child with remote education provided by school.</p>	<p>School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.</p>