

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Dear parents and carers,

After conversations with parents I feel I should clarify the position regarding school attendance and self-isolation with a reminder of the guidance from Public Health England:

What to do if ...	Action Needed	Your child cannot return to school until ...
...your child has coronavirus symptom(s).	<p>Your child must not come to school.</p> <p>You must advise the school of the symptom(s) of your child.</p> <p>Your child (and your household) must self-isolate</p> <p>Your child must have a test within 24 hours</p> <p>You must advise the school of the results</p> <p>You must update the school every 3 days thereafter</p>	<p><b>after</b> your child has received a negative test result and you have advised the school of the result,</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p><b>after</b> your child has self-isolated for 10 days from when your child's symptoms started (your child must not return to school before the 10 days have elapsed unless a negative test result has been received).</p>
...your child tests positive for coronavirus.	<p>Your child must not come to school.</p> <p>You must advise the school of the test outcome as soon as possible.</p> <p>Self-isolate for a further 10 days from the test result.</p>	<p><b>after</b> 10 days (if s/he feels well enough) even if s/he still has a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last even when the virus has gone and the person is no longer infectious.</p>
...somebody in your household has coronavirus symptom(s)	<p>Your child must not come to school.</p> <p>Your child (and your household) must self-isolate.</p> <p>The household member must have a test within 24 hours.</p> <p>You must advise the school of the test results.</p>	<p><b>after</b> the household member has received a negative test result and you have advised the school of the result,</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p><b>after</b> your child has self-isolated for 14 days from when your household member's symptoms started, unless your child becomes symptomatic- then please follow the guidelines above.</p>
...somebody in your household has tested positive for coronavirus.	<p>Your child must not come to school.</p> <p>Your child (and your household) must self-isolate for 14 days.</p>	<p><b>after</b> your child has self-isolated for 14 days from when your household member's symptoms started, unless your child becomes symptomatic- then please follow the guidelines above.</p>
...NHS have identified any adult in your household as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms/ confirmed COVID 19	<p>Your child should still attend school.</p> <p>The adult must self-isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>The adult must not accompany pupils to school.</p>	<p><b>after</b> the adult has self-isolated for 14 days, and has not developed symptoms they can return to accompanying pupils to school.</p>
...you have received medical advice that your child must resume shielding	<p>Your child must not come to school.</p> <p>You must provide evidence to school pertaining to the shielding.</p> <p>Once shielding restrictions are lifted /paused, you must inform pastoral staff of the day your child will return to school.</p>	<p><b>After</b> the shielding restriction has been lifted/paused.</p>

**Please note:** When a family member tests positive, the whole household must self-isolate for 14 days.

When a family member has symptoms the whole household must isolate until a negative test result is received or for 14 days, providing they do not become symptomatic. Absence from school under these circumstances will not count against your child.