

COVID-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms. - a new, continuous cough - a high temperature (38°+) - a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us ASAP. - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. (These symptoms can last for several weeks.) AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not send your child to school if they are not well enough. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. - Do send your child to school if they feel well enough – children can come to school with a cold if they feel well enough. <p><u>NHS - Is My Child too Ill for School?</u></p>	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy) ...when they are feeling well enough.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school

... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	- Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.	...child can continue to attend school
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries*. *Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information	- minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household.	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed: - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.	... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	- Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school.	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days.</i>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.