

Quick Guide to Coronavirus Related Absences

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school
<p>My child has coronavirus symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature) • a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) • a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal • https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/ 	<p>Do not come to school</p> <p>Child to self-isolate</p> <p>Book a COVID test immediately</p> <p>Inform the school as soon as you get the test result</p> <p>Stay in regular contact with the school</p>	<p>If the test result is negative and the child feels well and they no longer have symptoms, they can stop self-isolating.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for coronavirus</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <p>Inform the school immediately about the test result</p> <p>Self-isolate for at least 10 days</p> <p>Stay in regular contact with the school</p>	<p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough or a loss of the sense of taste or smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks once infection is gone. If they continue to have a high temperature (over 37.8c) and if they have diarrhoea or are vomiting they should stay at home until 48 hours after these symptoms stop.</p>
<p>Somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <p>Self-isolate for 14 days</p> <p>Stay in regular contact with the school</p> <p>Household member to get a test</p> <p>Inform the school immediately about the test result.</p>	<p>Stay at home for 14 days after the person in the household started experiencing symptoms.</p> <p>However, if there is a negative test result and the child has not developed symptoms they can return to school.</p>
<p>Somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <p>Self-isolate for 14 days</p> <p>Inform the school immediately about the test result.</p>	<p>The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>
<p>NHS Test and Trace Service has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with confirmed coronavirus</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <p>Self-isolate for 14 days</p> <p>Stay in regular contact with school</p>	<p>The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>

My child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate as part of the quarantine process	Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed Do not come to school Self-isolate for 14 days Stay in regular contact with the school	When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
Staff or pupils in my child's bubble have tested positive for COVID-19	The school will take advice from PHE Health Protection Team and your child may need to self-isolate If asked to self-isolate and take a test	When a negative test has been confirmed or the necessary isolation period has been completed
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	Do not come to school Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again	School inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.
My child is experiencing other symptoms, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms of a cold or sore throat • Congestion, or a runny nose • Chills • Muscle pain • Headache • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhoea • Tiredness 	Follow our normal procedures for sickness absence	Children return to school when they feel better. If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea they should stay at home until 48 hours after these symptoms stop.
In all of the scenarios listed above attendance is authorised		