

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 (37.8°+) - 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 come to school as per guidance sheet for individual infections illnesses listed. - If you would have judged them well enough prior to Covid-19 to attend school, they can do so. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of absence 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy) ... see time scales relating to individual illnesses and infectious diseases.
...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 their being a positive case in their school.	- Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.	...child can continue to attend school
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries*.</p> <p>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information</p>	<p>- minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled.</p> <p>- contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school.</p> <p>- Self-isolate the whole household.</p>	...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.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <p>- Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</p>	... 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.	<p>- Child must not come to school.</p> <p>- Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school.</p> <p>- Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>- Other siblings may continue to attend school.</p>	...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.