

Covid-19 related pupil absence

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 – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back. • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means you've noticed you can't smell or taste anything. 	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us. • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. • Get a test. <p>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS</p>	... the test comes back negative and once well.
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us. • Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days isolation. • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. • Close contacts (eg. class/bubble) isolates and remote learning is put in place. <p>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS</p>	... after a minimum of 10 days isolation , if they feel better, even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks.
My child tests negative	<p>CONTACT THE SCHOOL</p> <p>Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day).</p>	... the test comes back negative.
My child is unable to get a test	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us. • Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days isolation. • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. • Continue to try to book a test either online https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling NHS 119. New slots are added regularly. 	... after a minimum of 10 days isolation , if they feel better, or sooner if the test comes back negative.
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<p>Follow usual school absence policy procedure (contact the school by 9 a.m.)</p>	... after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence.
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us. • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. • Household members to get tested. <p>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS</p>	... the test comes back negative.
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us. • Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days isolation. <p>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS</p>	... the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
NHS Test & Trace has identified my child has been in close contact with someone with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us. • Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days isolation. 	... the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate for a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel. • Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed, agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days isolation from return date. • Self-isolate the whole household. 	... the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us. • 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.
My child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child will need to isolate for 14 days. • Support your child at home with remote education provided by school. 	... school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.