

Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence

A Quick Reference Guide for Parents

WHAT TO DO IF	ACTION NEEDED	RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN
<p>My child has Covid-19 symptoms:</p> <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 more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs. • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OR SMELL OR TASTE – this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything. 	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days.</p> <p>Get a test.</p> <p>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT THE TEST RESULT.</p>	<p>..... the test comes back negative and the child is feeling well</p> <p>(unless identified as a contact and told by Contact Tracing Service to isolate for 10 days or a returning traveller (see other “what to do if” answers below for detail)).</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days.</p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days.</p> <p>Contact group (‘bubble’) isolate/remote learning.</p>	<p>..... they feel better.</p> <p>Note: They can return after 10 days even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks.</p>

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<p>My child tests negative</p>	<p>CONTACT THE SCHOOL.</p> <p>Discuss when your child can come back to school.</p> <p><i>Please note - A negative test result does not always mean that a return to school is appropriate. If self-isolation is the result of one of the following then, irrespective of having a negative test, isolation for the full self isolation period of 10 days should be adhered to:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>close contact with a confirmed case; or</i> <i>direction from Track, Trace and Protect; or</i> <i>quarantine after returning from abroad</i> 	<p>..... the test comes back negative and the child is feeling well.</p> <p><i>Please note - A negative test result does not always mean that a return to school is appropriate. If self-isolation is the result of one of the following then, irrespective of having a negative test, isolation for the full self-isolation period of 10 days should be adhered to:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>contact with a confirmed case; or</i> <i>direction from Track, Trace and Protect; or</i> <i>quarantine after returning from abroad</i>
<p>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19</p>	<p>STAY AT HOME AND FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE.</p>	<p>... they feel better.</p> <p>After 48 hrs following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence.</p>

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Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>Contact school.</p> <p>Household members with symptoms get tested. Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days or until the test result of the symptomatic household member is known.</p> <p>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS.</p> the test comes back negative, or, in the event of a positive test of a household member, the 10 day isolation period has passed.
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>Contact school.</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days.</p> the child has completed 10 days of isolation.
Track, Trace, Protect/school has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>CONTACT SCHOOL.</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days.</p> the child has completed 10 days of isolation.

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<p>We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine</p>	<p>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time.</p> <p>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel.</p> <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed. Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days from return date.</p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household.</p>	<p>..... the quarantine period of 10 days has been completed and any required testing has been undertaken and is negative.</p>
<p>We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>CONTACT SCHOOL.</p> <p>Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</p>	<p>..... school informs you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school.</p>
<p>My child's contact group ('bubble') is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>At home, support your child with remote education provided by the school.</p> <p>Your child will need to isolate for 10 days.</p>	<p>..... school will inform you when the contact group ('bubble') will be reopened.</p>