



Covid-19 related pupil absence

A 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 more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs . • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE.-this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything. 	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. Get a test. INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTThe test comes back negative
My Child tests positive for covid-19.....	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. Bubble isolates/remote learning.They feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks.
My Child tests negative	CONTACT THE SCHOOL Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day)The test comes back negative.
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to covid-19	FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE	After 48hrs following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence
Someone in my household has covid-19 symptoms	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL. Contact school. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. Household members to get tested. INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTSThe test comes back negative.
Someone in my household tests positive for covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL. Contact school Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 daysThe child has completed 14 days of isolation
NHS test & trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL. CONTACT SCHOOL Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 daysThe child has completed 14 days of isolation
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.	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 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	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL CONTACT 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.
My child's bubble is closed due to a covid-19 outbreak in school.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL At home support your child with remote education provided by school. Your child will need to isolate for 14 days.School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.

If in any doubt do not send your child in to school and seek advice. We are aware that absence rates will rise but we have decided to follow an approach where we are better safe than sorry.

Please be patient with us as we try to understand and get to grips with the advice above. Remember we will try to follow all the advice we have been provided with but we are not medical experts and so do not know all the answers. Ring NHS 111 if unsure.