

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: • 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.	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 THE TEST RESULT.	 the test comes back negative unless identified as a contact and told by Contact Tracing Service to isolate for 14 days or a returning traveller (see other “what to do if” answers below for detail).
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. Contact group ('bubble') isolate/remote learning.	 they feel better. 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.
My child tests negative	CONTACT THE SCHOOL. Discuss when your child can come back to school. <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,</i>	 the test comes back negative. <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</i>

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	<i>isolation for the full self-isolation period of 14 days should be adhered to:-</i> • close contact with a confirmed case; or • direction from Track, Trace and Protect; or • quarantine after returning from abroad	<i>negative test, isolation for the full self-isolation period of 14 days should be adhered to:-</i> • contact with a confirmed case; or • direction from Track, Trace and Protect; or • quarantine after returning from abroad
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE.	After 48 hrs 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. Household members with symptoms get tested. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days or until the test result of the symptomatic household member is known. INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS.	 the test comes back negative, or, in the event of a positive test of a household member, the 14 day isolation period has passed.
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 days.	 the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
Track, Trace, Protect/school has identified my child has been in close contact of	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL. CONTACT SCHOOL.	 the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

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someone with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19	Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days.	
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 informs you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school.
My child's contact group ('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 the school. Your child will need to isolate for 14 days.	 school will inform you when the contact group ('bubble') will be reopened.