

## 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"> <li>• <b>HIGH TEMPERATURE</b> – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.</li> <li>• <b>A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH</b> – this means coughing a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs.</li> <li>• <b>A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OR SMELL OR TASTE</b> – this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</b></p> <p>Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.</p> <p>Get a test.</p> <p><b>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT THE TEST RESULT.</b></p>	<p>..... 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).</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19 .....</p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</b></p> <p>Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for possible return. <b>Minimum of 10 days.</b></p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.</p> <p>Contact group ('bubble') isolate/remote learning.</p>	<p>..... they feel better. Note: <b>They can return after 10 days</b> even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks.</p>
<p>My child tests negative .....</p>	<p><b>CONTACT THE SCHOOL.</b></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,</i></p>	<p>..... the test comes back negative.</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</i></p>

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	<p><i>isolation for the full self-isolation period of 14 days should be adhered to:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>close contact with a confirmed case; or</i></li> <li>• <i>direction from Track, Trace and Protect; or</i></li> <li>• <i>quarantine after returning from abroad</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>negative test, isolation for the full self-isolation period of 14 days should be adhered to:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>contact with a confirmed case; or</i></li> <li>• <i>direction from Track, Trace and Protect; or</i></li> <li>• <i>quarantine after returning from abroad</i></li> </ul>
<p>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19 .....</p>	<p><b>FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE.</b></p>	<p>After 48 hrs following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence.</p>
<p>Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms .....</p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</b></p> <p>Contact school.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS.</b></p>	<p>..... the test comes back negative, or, in the event of a positive test of a household member, the 14 day isolation period has passed.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19 .....</p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</b></p> <p>Contact school.</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for possible return. <b>Minimum of 14 days.</b></p>	<p>..... the child has completed <b>14 days of isolation.</b></p>
<p>Track, Trace, Protect/school has identified my child has been in close contact of</p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</b></p> <p><b>CONTACT SCHOOL.</b></p>	<p>..... the child has completed <b>14 days of isolation.</b></p>

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someone with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19 .....	Agree an earliest date for possible return. <b>Minimum of 14 days.</b>	
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine .....	<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. <b>Minimum of 14 days from return date.</b></p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household.</p>	..... the quarantine period of <b>14 days has been completed.</b>
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding .....	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</b></p> <p><b>CONTACT SCHOOL.</b></p> <p>Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</p>	..... 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 .....	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</b></p> <p>At home, support your child with remote education provided by the school.</p> <p>Your child will need to <b>isolate for 14 days.</b></p>	..... school will inform you when the contact group ('bubble') will be reopened.