

# Covid-19 related pupil absence – A quick reference guide for parents

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## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?

### A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.



### A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.



### A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL AND TASTE

This means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything.



## WHAT TO DO IF.....

## ACTION NEEDED

## RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN.....

My child has Covid-19 symptoms	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact school to inform us</li> <li>• Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days</li> <li>• Get a test.</li> <li>• <b>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT.</b></li> </ul>	The test comes back negative.
My child tests <b>positive</b> for Covid-19	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact school to inform us</li> <li>• Agree an earliest date for possible return. <b>Minimum of 10 days.</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days</li> </ul>	They feel better. <b>They can return after 10 days</b> , even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks.
My child tests <b>negative</b> for Covid-19	<p><b>CONTACT THE SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day).</p>	The test comes back negative.
My child is ill with symptoms <b>NOT</b> linked to Covid-19	Please follow the usual school Absence Policy.	They are better. Please remember – if your child has been absent from school due to sickness/diarrhea, they must <b>not</b> return until they have had 48 hrs clear from symptoms.

WHAT TO DO IF.....	ACTION NEEDED	RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN.....
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact school</li> <li>• Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days</li> <li>• Household members to get tested.</li> <li>• <b>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS.</b></li> </ul>	The test comes back negative.
Someone in my household tests <b>positive</b> for Covid-19	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact school</li> <li>• Agree an earliest date for possible return. <b>Minimum of 14 days.</b></li> </ul>	The child has completed <b>14 days of self-isolation</b>
NHS Test and Trace has identified that my child has been in close contact with someone who has confirmed Covid-19 symptoms	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CONTACT SCHOOL</b></li> <li>• Agree an earliest date for possible return. <b>Minimum of 14 days.</b></li> </ul>	The child has completed <b>14 days of self-isolation</b>
We/my child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<p><b>Do not take unauthorised leave during term time.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel.</li> <li>• If your child will be returning from a destination where is needed, contact the school.</li> <li>• Agree an earliest date for possible return. <b>Minimum of 14 days from return date.</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days</li> </ul>	<b>The self-isolation quarantine period has been completed</b>
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CONTACT SCHOOL</b></li> <li>• Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>	School inform you that shielding restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school
My child's bubble in school is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support your child at home with the remote education provided by the school</li> <li>• Your child will need to <b>isolate at home for 14 days.</b></li> </ul>	School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.