

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS - COVID-19 PUPIL ABSENCE



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 they feel hot to touch on chest or back</li> <li>• <b>A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH</b> - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs</li> <li>• <b>A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE</b> - this means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>                      Contact school to inform us.                      Get a test.                      Self-isolate the <b>WHOLE</b> household whilst waiting for the results.</p> <p><b>INFORM SCHOOL OF THE TEST RESULT</b></p>	<p>The test comes back negative and if the fever has gone.</p> <p>Children can return with a cough after a negative test as this can last for some time.</p>
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>                      Contact school to inform us. Quarantine the household for 14 days and the patient for a minimum of ten days.</p>	<p>Ten days has passed and they feel better. However, as the household has to quarantine for 14 days it may not be possible to organise someone to bring your child back to school. They can return with a cough after minimum of 10 days as this symptom can last for several weeks.</p>
My child tests negative	<p><b>CONTACT THE SCHOOL</b>                      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 <u>not linked to Covid-19</u>	Follow usual school absence policy procedure. E.g. call school to explain absence.	For sickness/diarrhoea <b>MUST</b> be clear for 48 hours before returning to school.
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>                      Contact school.                      Self-isolate the whole household until the person with symptoms tests negative or 14 days have passed.</p>	When the person with symptoms gets a negative test or after 14 days.
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>                      Contact school.                      Pupil isolates at home for 14 days.</p>	The child has completed 14 days isolation at home and has not shown any symptoms.
NHS test & trace has identified that my child has been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of Covid-19	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>                      Contact school.                      Pupil isolates at home for 14 days.</p>	The child has completed 14 days isolation at home.
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<p>Please do not travel if quarantine requirements will mean a child missing school as an unauthorised absence. Pupil isolates for 14 days from return date. Unauthorised absence fine may be issued.</p>	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>                      Contact school. Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. Liaise with school re. home learning.</p>	You are informed that shielding advice has been lifted and your child can return to school
My child's bubble is closed due to a confirmed case of Covid-19 in school.	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>                      Support your child at home with remote learning for 14 days.                      Siblings can come to school if their bubble remains open. Family members do not need to isolate.</p>	School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.

