**Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence**

**A Quick Reference Guide for Parents**



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| **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 24 hours
* **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 RESULT** | The test comes back negative. |
| My child tests positive for Covid-19 | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**Contact school to inform usAgree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 daysSelf-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 or 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** | After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence. |
| Someone in my household or my child 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 RESULTS** | The test comes back negative. |
| Someone in my household or my child tests positive for Covid-19 | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**Contact schoolAgree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days. | The child has completed 14 days of isolation. |
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| NHS test & trace has identified my child as being in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19 | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**Contact schoolAgree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days. | The 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 14 days from return date.Self-isolate the whole household. | The quarantine period of 14 has been completed. |
| We have received medical advice that my child must continue 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 SCHOOLAt 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. |

**FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE READ** : https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection