

Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school. • Contact school to inform us. • Self-isolate the whole household. • Get a test. • Inform the school immediately and please forward a copy of your test result. 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us. • Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school. • Contact school to inform us. • Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following; the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy) or other symptoms.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school. • Contact school to inform us. • Self-isolate the whole household. • Household member to get a test. • Inform the school immediately and please forward a copy of your test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school. • Contact school to inform us. • Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). • Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school. • Contact school to inform us. • Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. • Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school.
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. • Other school child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child(ren) can continue to attend school.

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... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. • contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. • Self-isolate the whole household. <p>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information.</p>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. • Ring school to inform us you have returned to • the UK and agree a return date to school. 	... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child did not travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. • The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>). 	...child can continue to attend school.
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school. • Contact school to inform us. • Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must not come to school. • Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. • Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. • Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms.	<p>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</p>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.