

Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents

What to do it ...	Action Needed	Return to school when ...
<p>My child has Covid-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high temperature- this means you feel hot to touch on your back or your chest • A new, continuous cough • A complete loss or change of smell or taste 	<p>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</p>	<p>The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact the school to inform us. Agree an earliest possible date for return. Minimum 10 days. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. Bubble isolates/remote learning.</p>	<p>They feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks.</p>
<p>My child tests negative for Covid-19.</p>	<p>CONTACT THE SCHOOL Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day)</p>	<p>The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.</p>	<p>FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE</p>	<p>After 48 hours 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>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. Household members to get tested if they have symptoms. INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS</p>	<p>The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to agree an earliest possible return. Minimum of 14 days.</p>	<p>The child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>
<p>NHS test and trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school Agree an earliest possible return. Minimum of 14 days.</p>	<p>The child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>
<p>We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine</p>	<p>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 of 14 days from return</p>	<p>The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed</p>

	date Self-isolate the whole household.	
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL CONTACT SCHOOL Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. At home, support your child with remote education provided by school.	The 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 SCHOOL At 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.

If you need medical advice about your symptoms, go to:
England: NHS 111 online coronavirus service
(link <http://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>)

How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

Don't

- × Do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- × Do not go on public transport or use taxis
- × Do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone or ask someone to bring it to your home
- × Do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- × Do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one.

When to keep your child off school

Do they have:

1. A high temperature? This means they feel hot to touch on their back or your chest.
2. A new, continuous cough?
3. A complete loss or change of smell or taste?

Yes

Keep your child off school and at home

Speak to 119 or go to the www.gov.uk/coronavirus website and arrange for a self-test to be done

Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of the test.

No

Does your child have an underlying medical condition such as cystic fibrosis?

Yes

Speak to their specialist team about testing criteria if you haven't already seen or spoken to them or had a letter in the post. Follow their guidance.

No

If your child is otherwise well but has:

- runny noses
- sore throats without a fever
- mild colds

they can attend school AS NORMAL.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT.