

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	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact school to inform us Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days 	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.
My child tests negative for Covid-19	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	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 not 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	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school • Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days. 	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
NHS Test and Trace has identified that my child has been in close contact with someone who has confirmed Covid-19 symptoms	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONTACT SCHOOL • Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days. 	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
We/my child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	Do not take unauthorised leave during term time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel. • If your child will be returning from a destination where is needed, contact the school. • Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days from return date. • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days 	The self-isolation quarantine period has been completed
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONTACT SCHOOL • Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	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	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support your child at home with the remote education provided by the school • Your child will need to isolate at home for 14 days. 	School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.