

# Covid-19 related pupil absence

## A quick reference guide for parents

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Get a test</li> <li>- <b>Inform school immediately about test result</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Contact the school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day)</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact the school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. As per attendance policy.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Household member to get a test</li> <li>- <b>Inform school immediately about test result</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...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"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days</b></li> </ul>	.....the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not take unauthorised leave in term time.</li> <li>- Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days from return date</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and you child can return to school again.
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- At home support your child with remote education provided by school</li> <li>- Your child will need to isolate for 14 days.</li> </ul>	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.