



## Covid-19 related pupil absence

### A quick reference guide for parents based on NHS guidance

| What to do if ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Action needed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Return to school when ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p>My child has Covid-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HIGH TEMPERATURE</b> – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.</li> <li>• <b>A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH</b> – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.</li> <li>• <b>A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE</b> – this means you have noticed that you cannot smell or taste anything.</li> </ul> | <p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b><br/>           Contact school to inform us.<br/>           Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.<br/>           Get a test.<br/> <b>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT</b></p>                                                                                     | <p>... the test comes back negative.</p> <p>Remote education will be provided by the school if your child is well enough to complete.</p>                                                                                                         |
| <p>My child tests positive for Covid-19 ...</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b><br/>           Contact school to inform us.<br/>           Agree an earliest date for possible return – <b>minimum of 10 days.</b><br/>           Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.<br/>           Bubble isolates/remote learning.</p>                                 | <p>... they feel better. <b>They can return after 10 days</b> even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks.</p> <p>Remote education can be requested if your child is well enough to complete.</p> |
| <p>My child tests negative</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>CONTACT THE SCHOOL</b><br/>           Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/ next day)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>... the test comes back negative.<br/>           Remote education will be provided by the school.</p>                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p><b>FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE</b></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><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b><br/>           Contact school.<br/>           Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.<br/>           Household members to get tested.<br/> <b>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS</b></p>                                                                            | <p>... the test comes back negative.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b><br/>           Contact school.<br/>           Agree an earliest date for possible return – <b>minimum of 14 days.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                           | <p>... the child has completed <b>14 days of isolation.</b><br/>           Remote education will be provided by the school.</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><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b><br/> <b>CONTACT SCHOOL</b><br/>           Agree an earliest date for possible return – <b>minimum of 14 days.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                               | <p>... the child has completed <b>14 days of isolation.</b><br/>           Remote education will be provided by the school.</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.<br/>           Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel.<br/>           Contact school and agree an earliest date for possible return – <b>minimum of 14 days from return date.</b><br/>           Self-isolate the whole household.</p> | <p>... the quarantine period of <b>14 days has been completed.</b><br/>           Remote education will be provided by the school.</p>                                                                                                            |
| <p>We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b><br/> <b>CONTACT SCHOOL</b><br/>           Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</p>                                                                                                                                             | <p>... school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school.<br/>           Remote education will be provided by the school.</p>                                                                              |
| <p>My child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b><br/>           Your child will need to <b>isolate for 14 days.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>... school will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.<br/>           Remote education will be provided by the school.</p>                                                                                                               |

Remote education may take the form of activities emailed by the class teacher or access to pre-recorded sessions. Please see Remote Learning Policy on the website for more details.