

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... |
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| ...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 about the 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) |
| ...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 school immediately about 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. - child(ren) can continue to attend. | ...child can continue to attend school |
| ... 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. |

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| <p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p> | <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. | <p>... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).</p> |
| <p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p> | <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>). | <p>...child can continue to attend school</p> |
| <p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p> | <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. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p> |
| <p>...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p> | <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. | <p>...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</p> |
| <p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p> | <p><i>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.</i></p> | <p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p> |