

COVID-19 related pupil absence
A quick reference guide for parents and carers

What to do if.....	Action needed	Return to school when
<p>My child has COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back. • A NEW <u>CONTINUOUS COUGH</u> this means coughing a lot more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything. 	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days or until a negative result. Get a test. INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT</p>	<p>The test comes back negative, and they feel better.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for COVID-19.</p>	<p>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 for 14 days. In liaison with local health protection team the School will inform other pupils and staff of any actions such as self-isolation.</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.</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>

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My child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19.	FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE	After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence.
Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. Household member with symptoms 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 Contact school. 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 my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed COVID-19.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL CONTACT SCHOOL Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days.	The child has completed 14 days of isolation.
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.	Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. Consider quarantine requirements and Government 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 date to UK.	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.



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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.	School inform you that 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.