

Covid-19 related pupil absence – quick reference guide

What to do if.....	Action needed	Return to school when....
My child has one or more Covid-19 symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperature – hot to touch on chest or back • New continuous cough – coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3+ coughing episodes in 24hrs • Loss or change to sense of smell or taste – can't smell or taste anything 	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. Get a test. INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTthe test comes back negative and your child no longer has a temperature.
My child tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. Bubble isolates/remote learning.	...your child feels better. He/she can return after 10 days even with cough or change to taste/smell, but not with a temperature.
My child tests negative	CONTACT THE SCHOOL Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day)?	...the test is negative and the school says it's okay to return.
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid.	Follow usual school absence procedures.	If sickness/tummy bug – return after 48 hours of last bout.
Someone in my household has symptoms of Covid-19.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. Household members seek advice about getting 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 to inform us. Agree on earliest date for possible return to school. Minimum 14 days.	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
NHS test & trace has identified my child has been in close contact with someone confirmed to have Covid-19.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school immediately. Agree on 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 COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Whole household to self-isolate for 14 days.	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school immediately. Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.	...you are informed it is safe to do so.
My child's class or 'bubble' is closed due to an Covid-19 outbreak in school.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Support your child at home with remote education provided by the school. Your child will need to isolate for 14 days.	...you are informed by the school that the bubble will be reopened.