



Covid-19 related student 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"> • HIGH TEMPERATURE - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back. • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH this means coughing a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs. • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything 	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT 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	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.	They feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last several weeks.
My child tests negative	CONTACT THE SCHOOL Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day)	The test comes back negative.
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE.	After 48hrs 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 members 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 FCO 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. Self-isolate the whole household.	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 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.