



## COVID-Related Pupil Absence - A Quick Reference Guide for Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find attached information and guidance for procedures if you or your child has symptoms of coronavirus. We hope this is useful during these uncertain times. For further guidance please refer to the Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Should you need to order a test for your child(ren) or another member of your household please visit; <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk>

| 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"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Get a COVID-19 test</li> <li>- Inform school immediately about the test result</li> </ul>                                   | ...the test comes back negative and your child has no symptoms  |
| ...my child tests positive for COVID-19   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household for at least 14 days</li> </ul>   | <p>...return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks</p> <p>...after 10 days, if you still have a temperature you should continue to self-isolate and seek medical advice</p> |
| ...my child tests negative  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Where possible provide evidence of a negative test result</li> </ul>  | ...the test comes back negative and your child has no symptoms  |
| ... my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 (sickness and/or diarrhoea)      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>  | ...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea  |
| ... my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 (runny nose and/or sore throat). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Check temperature and for symptoms of COVID-19</b></li> <li>- If no COVID-19 symptoms, come to school if well enough - If not well enough, ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>  | ...they feel better and are showing no symptoms of COVID-19   |
| ...someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- <b>Household member to get a COVID-19 test</b></li> <li>- <b>Inform school immediately about the test result</b></li> </ul> | ...the test comes back negative   |
| ...someone in my household  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> </ul>   | ...the child has completed 14 days  |



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| tests positive for COVID-19  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days</li> </ul>   | of isolation and is not symptomatic  |
| ...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"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self isolate for a minimum of 14 days</li> </ul>  | ...the child has completed 14 days of isolation and is not symptomatic                   |
| ... we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>- Consider requirements and FCO advice when booking travel.</li> <li><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household for a minimum of 14 days</li> </ul>  | ...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed and your child is not symptomatic |
| ... we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> <li>- provide evidence to the school office</li> </ul> <p><b>Remote education will be provided by the school for your child.</b></p>  | ...restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.              |
| ...someone in my child's 'bubble' tests positive   | <p><i>School will take advice from the local health protection team who will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School will contact you if your child has been in close contact with the person who has tested positive</li> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- Household members do not need to self-isolate unless your child develops symptoms</li> <li>- If your child develops symptoms, they should get a test</li> </ul> <p><b>Remote education will be provided by the school for your child.</b></p> | ...the child has completed 14 days of isolation and is not symptomatic                   |

As always, if you have any questions or your situation is not included in the scenarios on the table above do not hesitate to contact the school for advice.



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It is really important that we control the virus coming into school and spreading within our community.  
Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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