

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

What to do if.....	Action Needed	Return to school when.....
<p>My child has COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HIGH TEMPERATURE</b>- this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.</li> <li>• <b>A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH</b> this means coughing a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs.</li> <li>• <b>A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE</b> this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>            Contact school to inform us.            Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.            Get a test.  <b>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT</b></p>	<p>.....The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for COVID-19...</p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>            Contact school to inform us.            Agree an earliest date for possible return            Minimum of 10 days.            Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.            Bubble isolate / remote learning.</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><b>CONTACT THE SCHOOL</b>            Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day)</p>	<p>....The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19.</p>	<p><b>FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE</b></p>	<p>After 48 hrs following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence.</p>
<p>Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms.</p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>            Contact school.            Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.            Household member to get tested.  <b>INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT</b></p>	<p>....The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19</p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>            Contact school.            Agree an earliest date for possible return            Minimum of 14 days.</p>	<p>....The child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>
<p>NHS test &amp; trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed COVID-19</p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>  <b>CONTACT SCHOOL.</b>            Agree an earliest date for possible return            Minimum of 14 days.</p>	<p>....The child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>
<p>We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>....The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
<p>We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>  <b>CONTACT SCHOOL.</b>            Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</p>	<p>....School inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school.</p>
<p>My child's bubble is closed due to COVID-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<p><b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b>            At home support your child with remote education provided by school.            Your child will need to isolate for 14 days.</p>	<p>....School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.</p>