

## Covid-19 related student absence

*A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)*

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not send to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Inform school</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Get a test (call 119 or visit <a href="http://www.nhs.uk">www.nhs.uk</a>)</li> <li>- <b>Inform the school immediately about the test result</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative <b>or</b> a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not send to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Inform school</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree the earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days from initial symptoms starting).</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days from the start of symptoms.</li> </ul>	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> <b>AND</b> the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Inform school</b></li> <li>- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day).</li> </ul>	They feel well and there is no one else in the household displaying symptoms or who have tested positive
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not send to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Inform school</b></li> <li>- Ring on each day of illness.</li> </ul>	...when they feel well and after 48 hours following the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not send to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Inform school.</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> <li>- Household member to get a test.</li> <li>- <b>Inform school immediately about test result.</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not send to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Inform school</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 day from start of symptoms).</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation and is well.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of a confirmed positive case of Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not send to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Inform school</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</b></li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation and is well.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of a confirmed positive case of Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The household member must self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>- Child can continue to attend school.</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school

<p>... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.</p>	<p><b>- Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.</b>          - Other children in the household can continue to attend school.</p>	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>... my child has travelled and returned from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p><b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</b>          - a minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled.          - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school.</p> <p><u>*Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office (FCDO)</u> – for up to date travel information</p>	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
<p>... my child has travelled and returned from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p><b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</b>          - Check the current <u>Exempt countries and territories list</u> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list.          - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</p>	<p>... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).</p>
<p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p>	<p>- As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school.          - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>).</p>	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<p><b>- Do not send to school.</b>  <b>- inform 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 again.          ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
<p>...my child's bubble has been told to self-isolate due to a confirmed positive Covid-19 case in school.</p>	<p><b>- Child must not attend school.</b>          - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school.          - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.  <b>- Other siblings may continue to attend school.</b></p>	<p>...school inform you that the bubble can return to school</p>

<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p>If you are not able to get a test for anyone with symptoms, the symptomatic person must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and their household should self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your personal bubble (outside of school) must also stay at home if they have had direct contact with the symptomatic person within 48 hours before symptom onset</p>	<p>...the child has completed their isolation (14 days of isolation if a contact or 10 days if they are the symptomatic person) and they are well.</p>
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This is an ever-evolving situation where scenarios may change. This document will be updated as and when further guidance or information is available.

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