

Covid-19 related staff/pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents/carers and staff

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
<p>My child has Covid-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means they feel hot to touch on chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature) • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing a lot for 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 they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. 	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Self-isolate the WHOLE household while getting the symptomatic person tested (see NHS guidance on how to self-isolate at the end of this document).</p> <p>Get a test for the person with symptoms. INFORM SCHOOL OF THE TEST RESULT</p>	<p>The test comes back negative and if the fever is gone. Please adhere to any additional guidance provided with your test result as this will be the most up to date advice.</p> <p>Children can return with a cough or change to sense of taste/small after a negative test as this can last for some time.</p>
My child tests positive for Covid- 19	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Self-isolate the household for 14 days and the person with symptoms for a minimum of ten days.</p>	<p>Ten days has passed and they feel better but as household has to self-isolate for 14 days they may not be able to return until someone is able to bring them. Please do not leave your house to bring your child to school if you are still self-isolating. Can return with a cough after minimum of 10 days as this symptom can last for several weeks. If they feel unwell or have a temperature they must remain at home.</p>
My child tests negative	<p>CONTACT THE SCHOOL Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day).</p>	<p>The test comes back negative, the child is well and does not have a fever.</p>
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<p>FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE</p>	<p>For sickness/diarrhoea MUST be clear for 48 hours before returning to school.</p>
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school.</p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household until person with symptoms tests negative.</p> <p>Liaise with school regarding home learning.</p>	<p>When person with symptom gets a negative test.</p>
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school.</p> <p>Pupil self-isolates at home for 14 days with the rest of the household.</p> <p>Liaise with school regarding home learning.</p>	<p>The child has completed 14 days isolation at home and has not developed symptoms. If the child develops symptoms they must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started, even if this is longer than the original 14 days.</p>
NHS test & trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with a confirmed case of Covid-19	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school.</p> <p>Pupil self-isolates at home for 14 days.</p>	<p>The child has completed 14 days isolation at home and has not developed symptoms. If the child develops symptoms they</p>

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We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	Please do not travel if quarantine requirements will mean a child missing school. Pupil isolates for 14 days from return date. Liaise with school regarding home learning.	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed and the child has not developed symptoms. If the child develops symptoms they must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started, even if this is longer than the original 14 days.
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. Liaise with school regarding home learning.	You are informed that shielding advice has been lifted and your child can return to school
My child's bubble is closed due to a confirmed case of Covid-19 in school.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Support your child at home with remote learning for 14 days. Siblings can come to school if their bubbles remains open. Family members do not need to isolate.	School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened. If the child develops symptoms they must self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started, even if this is longer than the original 14 days.

How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

Don't

- ✗ do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- ✗ do not go on public transport or use taxis
- ✗ do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- ✗ do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- ✗ do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one