

Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (January 2021)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has a runny nose, sore throat or chesty cough...	Send them into school if they are well enough to attend. If they are too unwell to come into school, please contact the school before the start of the school day and give the reason for your child's absence and ensure it is made clear that it is not COVID-19 symptoms.	
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms. High temperature A new continuous cough (coughing for an hour or 3 coughing episodes in 24 hours) A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well. Please note 119 advise that a child should have been clear of a high temperature for 48 hours before returning to school.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	...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> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative. If you are unable to access a test the household should remain in isolation for 10 days.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	...the child has completed 10 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child was in close contact with someone with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). 	...the child has completed 10 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 10 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school

<p>... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 10 days. - Fairfield child(ren) can continue to attend. 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum of 10 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. - Self-isolate the whole household. <p><u>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)</u> – for up to date travel information</p>	<p>...the quarantine period of 10 days has been completed.</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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>... 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 10 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>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<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 is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days and must not leave the home. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	<p>...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p>Please contact the school for advice</p>	<p>...</p>