

Coronavirus related absences quick guide – September 2020

As the guidance we have relating to school attendance and Covid 19 is so comprehensive we have created a “What to do” guide to assist parents when making decisions about their child’s ability to attend school if feeling unwell or displaying symptoms of illness.

We would kindly ask that parents do not send their children to school under any circumstances if they are displaying any of the 3 main symptoms related to Coronavirus as outlined below.

What to do if ...	Action required	Return to school when ...
... my child has Coronavirus symptoms Eg: Main symptoms persistent dry cough, high temperature above 37.5, loss of taste/smell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school for 14 days and self-isolate • Contact school initially • Get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	... the test comes back negative
... my child tests positive for Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Contact school to let us know • Patient should self-isolate for 10 days • Anyone in the household should self-isolate for 14 days • Inform school immediately about test result 	... they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste but not if they still have a temperature. A cough or loss of smell/taste can last several weeks once the infection has gone.
... somebody in my household has Coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Contact school on day 1 • Self-isolate for 14 days • Household member to get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	... the household member’s test is negative
... somebody in my house has tested positive for Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Contact school on day 1 • Self-isolate for 14 days • Get other household members to get a test if they show symptoms 	... the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
... NHS test and trace have identified my child as a ‘close contact’ of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Contact school on day 1 • Self-isolate 14 days 	... the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
... we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine implemented by the Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school re your holiday as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Contact school on day 1 • Self-isolate for 14 days 	... the quarantine period of 14 days is completed
...my child is unwell but no symptoms related to Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school on day 1 • Monitor symptoms for 48 hours 	...48 hours has passed and no other symptoms have developed ...when you feel your child is well enough

- **Work for children off school for any Coronavirus related absences will have access to classwork from all staff on the homework section of ClassCharts.**
- **If your child attends school and shows any symptoms of Coronavirus we will contact you immediately and ask you to collect your child from school.**
- **It is important that you contact Mrs Leyland, School Attendance Officer at school on the first day of your child’s absence.**

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring all children and staff are safe in school.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Leyland