

COVID-19 ABSENCE

A quick guide for parents / carers

WHAT TO DO IF...	ACTION NEEDED	BACK TO SCHOOL...
...my child has COVID 19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Child shouldn't attend school■ Child should get a test■ Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result■ Inform school immediately about test results	...when child's test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Child shouldn't attend school■ Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)■ Inform school immediately about test results■ Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Child shouldn't attend school■ Household member with symptoms should get a test■ Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result■ Inform school immediately about test results	...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Child shouldn't attend school■ Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days	...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.

See more at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/