



COVID-19 related student absence (September 2020)
A quick reference guide for parents

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 you feel hot to touch on your chest or back. • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH - this means coughing a lot 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 you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything. 	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us. • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. • Get a test. • INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT 	<p>...the test comes back negative and the symptoms are no longer present.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19...</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us. • Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days. • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. • School will contact PHE and those required isolate/remote learning. 	<p>...they feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks. They should not return if they still have a high temperature.</p>
<p>My Child tests negative...</p>	<p>CONTACT THE SCHOOL Discuss when your child can come to school (same day/next day).</p>	<p>...the test comes back negative and the symptoms are no longer present.</p>
<p>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.</p>	<p>FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE.</p>	<p>...after 48hrs following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence.</p>
<p>Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school. • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. • Household members to get tested immediately. • INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS. 	<p>...the test comes back negative.</p>

<p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school. • Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days. 	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>
<p>NHS test & trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school. • Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days. 	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>
<p>We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel. • Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed. Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days from return date. • Self-isolate the whole household. 	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
<p>We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school. • Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school will inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school.</p>
<p>My child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At home support your child with remote education provided by school. • Your child will need to isolate for 14 days. • Any siblings will still be able to attend school unless otherwise informed not to and there are no symptoms present in the household 	<p>...school will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.</p>