

Coronavirus Related Absences – A Quick Guide

Please remember that it is the responsibility of every parent or carer to check their child for COVID19 symptoms. As per government guidelines, if your child develops COVID19 symptoms (defined below) he or she must not attend school. A pupil exhibiting symptoms during the day will be isolated in a designated area to wait collection.

The COVID19 main symptoms are:

- A high temperature - *this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back. (The NHS define a high temperature as over 38C)*
- A new continuous cough – *this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. (If you usually have a cough, it may be worse than normal).*
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – *this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different.*

What to do if.....	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child has coronavirus symptoms (as defined above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Child self-isolates for 10 days • Household (inc support bubble) isolate for 14 days • Get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	<p>The test comes back negative and your child feels well again.</p> <p>Please contact the school, your child may be able to return immediately (eg. if your result is returned at 11am) you do not have to wait until the next full day.</p>
My child tests positive for coronavirus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days • Household (inc support bubble) isolate for 14 days • Inform the school immediately about test results 	<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 once the infection has gone. However, if they still have a high temperature please seek further medical advice.</p> <p>You do not need a new negative test in order to return to school.</p>

<p>My child is feeling unwell but symptoms are not linked to COVID19 (Symptoms are different from the definition above)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the normal absence procedures • Inform the school absence line and give full details of the illness and symptoms 	<p>When your child is feeling better</p> <p>OR</p> <p>When advised by your GP</p> <p>OR</p> <p>48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea</p>
<p>Somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one in the household should come into school • Whole household (inc support bubble) to self-isolate for 14 days • Household member to get test • Inform school immediately about test result 	<p>The household member's test is negative.</p>
<p>Somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Household member self-isolates for 10 days. • Rest of household (inc support bubble) self-isolate for 14 days • If during self-isolation child then develops covid-related symptoms (as above) book test and isolation period commences again for whole household. 	<p>Child has completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms</p> <p>The child must complete 14 days isolation regardless of a negative test result or not displaying symptoms.</p>
<p>NHS test & trace have identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Child self-isolates for 14 days • If during self-isolation child then develops covid-related symptoms (as above) book test and isolation period commences again for whole household. 	<p>Child has completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms</p> <p>The child must complete 14 days isolation regardless of a negative test result or not displaying symptoms</p>
<p>Your child has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a 'close contact' by the NHS track and trace.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend school as normal 	<p>Your child should attend school as normal, they do not need time off</p>
<p>My child has travelled and must self-isolate as part of quarantine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Self-isolate for 14 days 	<p>Child has completed 14 days self-isolation</p>
<p>The school informs you that your child must stay at home following Public Health advice.</p> <p>Eg. Local lockdown or a number of positive COVID19 tests in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the advice from the school • Isolate if you are asked to do so 	<p>After the stated period of absence closure as per advice received</p>