

## Covid-19 related pupil absence

### A reference guide for parents and school / setting staff (as of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when....
<p>... my child has developed <b>one or more</b> Covid-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a new continuous cough</li> <li>• a high temperature</li> <li>• a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school or setting</li> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Child to get a test via nhs.uk online or by calling 119</li> <li>→ Members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days. See <a href="#">Stay at Home</a> guidance</li> <li>→ Inform the school or setting immediately about the test results</li> <li>→ If after 10 days, your child still has a temperature they should continue to self-isolate and seek medical advice</li> </ul>	<p>...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, the child feels well and does not have a temperature.</p>
<p>... my child tests positive for Covid -19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school or setting</li> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Agree the earliest date for the possible return (minimum 10 days)</li> <li>→ Members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days. See <a href="#">Stay at Home</a> guidance</li> </ul>	<p>...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell (these symptoms can last for several weeks) <b>AND</b> the child feels well</p>
<p>... my child tests negative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Discuss when your child can come back (same day/ next day)</li> <li>→ Subject to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• everyone they live with who has symptoms tests negative</li> <li>• everyone in their support bubble who has symptoms tests negative</li> <li>• they are <b>not</b> a contact of a confirmed case</li> <li>• they are well – if they feel unwell, stay at home until feeling better</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>...the test comes back negative</p>
<p>... my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>	<p>...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per the attendance policy).</p>
<p>...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school or setting</li> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days. See <a href="#">Stay at Home</a> guidance</li> <li>→ Household member to get a test via nhs.uk online or by calling 119</li> <li>→ Inform the school or setting immediately about the test results</li> </ul>	<p>...the test comes back negative</p>
<p>... someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school or setting</li> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Agree the earliest date for the possible return (minimum 14 days)</li> <li>→ Members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days. See <a href="#">Stay at Home</a> guidance</li> </ul>	<p>...my child has completed 14 days of self-isolation.</p>

... NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of a confirmed positive case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school</li> <li>→ Contact school to inform us</li> <li>→ Agree the earliest date for the possible return (minimum 14 days)</li> </ul>	...my child has completed 14 days of self-isolation.
... NHS test and trace has identified a household member (not my child) as a close contact of a confirmed positive case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ The household member must self-isolate for 14 days</li> <li>→ Child can continue to attend school</li> </ul>	...child(ren) can continue to attend school.
...my child has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed positive case within school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ You will receive a letter of notification from school</li> <li>→ Child must not come to school</li> <li>→ Support your child at home with any remote education provided by your school.</li> <li>→ Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>→ Other siblings may continue to attend school</li> </ul>	...my child has completed 14 days of self-isolation.
... my child's sibling at another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to being a contact of a confirmed positive case in their school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ The sibling must self-isolate for 14 days</li> <li>→ Child(ren) at this school can continue to attend.</li> </ul>	...child(ren) can continue to attend school.
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT one of the exempt list of countries. (i.e. they need to self-isolate after returning from this country).	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine IS needed please see full <a href="#">travel guidance</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled.</li> <li>→ Contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school</li> </ul>	... the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS one of the exempt list of countries. (i.e. they do NOT need to self-isolate after returning from this country).	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Check the current <a href="#">Exempt Countries and Territories list</a> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list.</li> <li>→ Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</li> </ul>	...you have informed the school or setting office of your return (they may ask you a few questions about your travel).
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ As long as you do not have/ have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school.</li> <li>→ The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs</li> </ul>	...child(ren) can continue to attend school.
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school.</li> <li>→ Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>→ Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>	<p>... school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
...I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ If you are unable to get a test, your child and anyone they live with must continue to self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</li> </ul>	... the child has completed 14 days of isolation.