

## Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
My child has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Get a test</li> <li>- <b>Inform the school immediately about the test result</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days)</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell ( <i>These symptoms can last for several weeks</i> ) <b>AND</b> the child feels well
My child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day)</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Household member to get a test</li> <li>- <b>Inform school immediately about test results</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days)</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation
NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days)</b></li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation
NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The household member must self-isolate for 14 days</b></li> <li>- Child can continue to attend school</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school
A sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days</b></li> <li>- Elms School children can continue to attend</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school
My child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</b>☆:</li> <li>- Minimum of 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> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>☆ <a href="#">Foreign Commonwealth &amp; Development Office (FCDO)</a> – for up to date travel information</li> </ul>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed

My child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed</b></li> <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 office of your return to the UK ( <i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i> )
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 (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>)</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></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>
My child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Child must not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Support your child at home with remote education provided by the school</b></li> <li>- <b>Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days</b></li> <li>- <b>Other siblings may continue to attend school</b></li> </ul>	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened
I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>- <b>Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</b></li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days in isolation.

## MAIN SYMPTOMS

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- 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 usual)
- 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 to normal

To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you have any of these symptoms. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result.

As the evidence is changing we advise that you regularly check the [www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) advice link.