

Covid-19 related student absence: 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 they feel hot to touch on their chest or back. • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means they have noticed they can't smell or taste anything. 	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL. Get a test. Contact school daily until test outcome is known. Household to self-isolate until child receives test result. INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT THE TEST RESULT. DO NOT SEND ANY SIBLINGS TO SCHOOL. IF NO TESTS AVAILABLE CONTINUE TO ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS OR UNTIL NEGATIVE TEST RESULT.</p>	<p>...Test is returned negative.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL. Inform school immediately about test result. Agree earliest date for possible return - minimum of 10 days. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. Contact school daily.</p>	<p>....They feel better. Student can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks.</p>
<p>My child tests negative.</p>	<p>CONTACT THE SCHOOL. Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day). FORWARD EMAIL OF TEST RESULT OR SCREEN SHOT TO SCHOOL.</p>	<p>....The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>Somebody in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL. Contact school daily. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days (or until test comes back negative). Household member and anyone else in household who is showing symptoms to get a test. INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS.</p>	<p>...The household member test comes back negative.</p>
<p>Somebody in my household has tested positive for Covid-19.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL. Agree earliest date for possible return - minimum of 14 days.</p>	<p>...The young person has completed 14 days of self-isolation.</p>
<p>NHS Test and Trace has identified my child was in 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or a confirmed case of Covid-19.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL. Agree earliest date for possible return - minimum of 14 days.</p>	<p>...The young person has completed 14 days of self-isolation.</p>
<p>We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine.</p>	<p>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. Consider quarantine requirement and FCO advice when booking travel. Provide information to school as per attendance policy. <i>Returning from a destination where quarantine needed:</i> DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL. Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days from return date. Self-isolate the whole household.</p>	<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. Contact the pastoral team in school as soon as possible. Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</p>	<p>....School inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school.</p>
<p>My child's bubble is closed due to Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL. At home support your child with remote learning provided by school. Your child will need to isolate for 14 days AND NOT GO OUT AT ALL. Others in the household can go to work/school as usual.</p>	<p>....School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.</p>	<p>FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE.</p>	<p>....After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence.</p>