**Covid-19 related pupil absence**

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

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| **What to do if…** | **Action Needed** | **Return to school when…** |
| …my child has Covid-19 symptoms. | **- Do not come to school****- Contact school to inform us**- Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test **- Inform the school immediately about the test result** | …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. | - **Do not come to school.****- Contact school to inform us.****- Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).**- Self-isolate the whole household. | …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.)* **AND** the child feels well.  |
| …my child tests negative. | - **Contact school to inform us.**- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). | …the test comes back negative. |
| …my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19. | - **Do not come to school.****- Contact school to inform us.**- Ring on each day of illness. | …after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy) |
| …someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms. | **- Do not come to school.****- Contact school to inform us.**- Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. **- Inform school immediately about test result.** | …the test comes back negative. |
| …someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19. | **- Do not come to school.****- Contact school to inform us.****- Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).**- Self-isolate the whole household. | …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. | **- Do not come to school.****- Contact school to inform us.****- Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).** | …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. | **- The household member must self-isolate for 14 days.**- Child can continue to attend school.  | …child can continue to attend school |
| … a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school. | **- Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.**- the schools child(ren) can continue to attend. | …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. | **If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed\*:**- minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled.- contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. **-** Self-isolate the whole household.\*[Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office) – for up to date travel information | …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. | **If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:**- Check the current [Exempt countries and territories list](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-countries-and-territories-exempt-from-advice-against-all-but-essential-international-travel) to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list.- Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. | … you have informed the office of your return to the UK *(the office will 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). | - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school.- The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs *(please contact school if you need support getting your child to school).* | …child can continue to attend school |
| …we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding. | **- Do not come to school.****- Contact school to inform us.**- Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. | …school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.…you receive medical advice that your child may return to school. |
| …my child’s bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school. | **- Child must not come to school.****-** Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school.- Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.**- Other siblings may continue to attend school.** | …school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.  |
| … I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms | ***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. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.*** | …the child has completed 14 days of isolation. |