

**Covid-19: A guide to absences regarding coronavirus for parents and carers.**

What to do if...	Action needed:	Return to school when...
<p>My child has Covid-19 symptoms including any of the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <u>new continuous cough</u>. (continuous, coughing a lot for more than an hour or more than 3 times in 24 hours)</li> <li>• A <u>high temperature</u> (hot to touch on chest or back).</li> <li>• A <u>loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell</u>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do <b>not</b> come to school.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• <b>Self-isolate</b> the whole household.</li> <li>• Get a test <a href="https://self-referral.testforcoronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name">https://self-referral.testforcoronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name</a></li> <li>• <b>Inform the school immediately about the test result.</b></li> </ul>	<p>The test comes back negative or a period of <u>ten days has passed</u> since the symptoms started, and the child feels better and well in themselves.</p>
<p>My child tests <b>positive</b> for Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do <b>not</b> come to school.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).</li> <li>• <b>Self-isolate</b> the whole household.</li> </ul>	<p>10 days has passed since the symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell (as these symptoms can last for several weeks) <b>AND</b> the child feels better.</p>
<p>My child tests <b>negative</b> for Covid -19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• Discuss when your child can come back - (same day/next day).</li> </ul>	<p>The test comes back <b>negative</b>.</p>

<p>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19 but could be contagious (i.e. sickness) or is too ill to come to school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do <b>not</b> come to school.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• Ring on each day of illness.</li> </ul>	<p>After 24 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per Attendance Policy) or when feeling well if not sickness related.</p>
<p>Someone in my household has Covid-19 <u>symptoms</u>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do <b>not</b> come to school.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• <b>Self-isolate</b> the whole household.</li> <li>• House member to <u>get a test</u>.</li> <li>• Inform the school immediately about the test results.</li> </ul>	<p>The test comes back <b>negative</b>.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests <b>positive</b> for Covid19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do <b>not</b> come to school.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</li> <li>• <b>Self-isolate</b> the whole household.</li> </ul>	<p>The child has completed <b>14 days</b> of isolation.</p>
<p>NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms of confirmed Covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do <b>not</b> come to school.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days) The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate.</li> </ul>	<p>The child has completed <b>14 days</b> of isolation.</p>
<p>NHS test and trace identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19</p>	<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>	<p>Child can <b>continue</b> to attend school.</p>

<p>A sibling attending another school has been sent home to isolate due to there being a positive case in their school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sibling must isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>• Child attending our school can continue to attend.</li> </ul>	<p>Child can <b>continue</b> to attend school.</p>
<p>My child has travelled abroad to and from a country or territory that <b>IS</b> on the <b>quarantine</b> list</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed - Minimum of <b>14 days self-isolation</b> for all those 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>• <b>Self-isolate</b> the whole household</li> </ul>	<p>The quarantine period of <b>14 days</b> has been completed</p>
<p>My child has travelled abroad to and from a country or territory that <b>IS NOT</b> on the quarantine list</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed: Check the current <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-countries-and-territories-exempt-from-advice-against-all-but-essential-international-travel">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-countries-and-territories-exempt-from-advice-against-all-but-essential-international-travel</a> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is not on the quarantine list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</li> </ul>	<p>You have informed the school office of your return. A few questions may be asked about your travel by the attendance officer.</p>
<p>I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine but my child didn't travel</p>	<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 <b>MUST NOT</b> leave the house, including to do pickups and drop offs</li> </ul>	<p>Child can <b>continue</b> to attend school.</p>

<p>We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<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 OR You received medical advice that your child may return to school</p>
<p>My child's "bubble/pod" is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child must <b>not</b> come to school.</li> <li>• Child <b>must not</b> come on to the school site.</li> <li>• Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school.</li> <li>• Your child will need to <b>self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>• Other siblings may continue to attend school.</li> </ul>	<p>School will inform you that the bubble/pod will be reopened.</p>
<p>What if a family member has an operation and it is advised that they and their family need to self-isolate?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do <b>not</b> come to school.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• Provide medical evidence to the school.</li> </ul>	<p>The child has completed the <b>advised self-isolation period.</b></p>
<p>I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p>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 <b>self-isolate for 14 days.</b> Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</p>	<p>The child has completed <b>14 days</b> of isolation.</p>