

COVID-19 Absence Guidance

Applicable to pupils and staff

WHAT TO DO IF...	ACTION NEEDED	BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN...
... my child has COVID 19 (Coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school • Inform school immediately • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates 	... when the child's test comes back as negative or after a minimum of 10 days of self-isolation
...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school • Child self-isolates for 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms*) • Inform school immediately of the test result • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms*) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>... after 10 days of self-isolation and has been without a temperature for at least 48 hours.</p> <p>The child may still have a cough or loss / change in sense of taste and smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone</p>
... somebody in the household has COVID-19 (Coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about the test result 	... when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 (Coronavirus) symptoms*
... somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	... when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

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<p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (Coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days • The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' as well to the infected person 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
<p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave from school in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel to ensure time in school is not lost • Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
<p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school to discuss options for safe learning 	<p>When advised by the school in consultation with other agencies as appropriate</p>
<p>....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (Coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

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A new continuous cough means:

- You are coughing a lot for more than 1 hour



OR

- You have been coughing a lot 3 or more times in 24 hours



- If you normally have a cough, it may be worse than usual



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