



COVID-Related Pupil Absence - A Quick Reference Guide for Parents and Carers

What to do if...	Action needed...	Return to school when...
...my child has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - <u>Get a COVID-19 test</u> - Inform school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return. (Min 10 Days) - Self-isolate the whole household 	... they feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us - Discuss when your child can come back (same/next day) 	...the test comes back negative and your child feels well enough to return
... my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 (sickness and/or diarrhoea).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
... my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 (runny nose and/or sore throat).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check temperature and for symptoms of COVID-19 - If no COVID-19 symptoms, come to school if well enough - If not well enough, ring on each day of illness 	... they feel better and are showing no symptoms of COVID-19
...someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - <u>Household member to get a COVID-19 test</u> - Inform school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative
...someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return. (Min 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return. (Min 14 Days) 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation

symptoms or confirmed COVID-19		
... we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not take unauthorised leave in term time - Consider requirements and FCO advice when booking travel. Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree an earliest date for possible return. (Min 14 Days) - Self-isolate the whole household 	...the quarantines period of 14 days has been completed.
... we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	...restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.
... my child's class (bubble) is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Your child will need to isolate for 14 days - Siblings can continue to attend At home support your child with remote education.	...school informs you that the bubble will be reopened.

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