

COVID-19-related pupil absence
A quick reference guide for parents

What to do if	Action needed	Return to school when
My child has COVID-19 symptoms: • High temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back. • A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. • A loss of change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything.	Do not come to school. Inform the school. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. Get a test. Inform the school immediately about the test result.	The test comes back negative.
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 for 14 days. Bubble isolate/remote learning.	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. <i>We will provide school work for your child to complete.</i>
My child tests negative.	Contact the school. Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day).	The test comes back negative.
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19.	Follow usual school absence policy procedure.	After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence.
Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms.	Do not come to school. Contact school. Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. Household member to get tested. Inform school immediately about test result.	The test comes back negative. <i>We will provide school work for your child to complete.</i>
Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19.	Do not come to school. Contact school. Agree an earliest date for possible return Minimum of 14 days.	The child has completed 14 days of isolation. <i>We will provide school work for your child to complete.</i>
NHS Test, Trace, Protect has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed COVID-19.	Do not come to school. Contact school. Agree an earliest date for possible return Minimum of 14 days self-isolation.	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation. <i>We will provide school work for your child to complete.</i>
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.	Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. Consider quarantine requirements and government advice when booking travel. Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed. Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days from return date. Self-isolate the whole household.	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	Do not come to school. Contact school. 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. <i>We will provide school work for your child to complete.</i>
My child's bubble is closed due to COVID-19 outbreak in school.	Do not come to school. At home support your child with remote education provided by school. Your child will need to isolate for 14 days.	School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened. <i>We will provide school work for your child to complete.</i>