

## Covid-19 related pupil absence

A reference guide for parents and school / setting staff (as of 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2021)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when....
<p>... my child has developed <b>one or more</b> Covid-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a new continuous cough</li> <li>• a high temperature</li> <li>• a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school or setting</li> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Child to get a PCR test via nhs.uk online or by calling 119 (<b>please note an LFD test should NOT be used for people with symptoms</b>)</li> <li>→ Members of the household should self-isolate for 10 days. See Stay at Home guidance</li> <li>→ Inform the school or setting immediately about any test results</li> <li>→ If after 10 days, your child still has a temperature they should continue to self-isolate and seek medical advice</li> </ul>	<p>Either</p> <p>... the PCR test comes back negative</p> <p>Or ... a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, the child feels well and does not have a temperature.</p>
<p>... my child tests positive for Covid -19 using a PCR test</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school or setting</li> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Agree the earliest date for the possible return (minimum 10 days)</li> <li>→ Members of the household should self-isolate for 10 days. See Stay at Home guidance</li> </ul>	<p>...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) <b>AND</b> the child feels well</p>
<p>... my child tests negative with a PCR test</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Discuss when your child can come back (same day/ next day)</li> <li>→ Subject to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• everyone they live with who has symptoms, tests negative</li> <li>• everyone in their support bubble who has symptoms, tests negative</li> <li>• they are not a contact of a confirmed case</li> <li>• they are well – if they feel unwell, stay at home until feeling better</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>...the test comes back negative</p>
<p>...I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ If you are unable to get a test, your child and anyone they live with must continue to self-isolate for 10 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</li> <li>→ Speak to your school as they might be able to help you</li> </ul>	<p>Either</p> <p>... the child has completed 10 days of isolation.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>...the PCR test is negative</p>

<p>... my child tests positive for Covid -19 using a LFD testing kit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Follow instructions from school, stay at home and begin 10 day isolation period.</li> <li>→ Child to get a confirmatory PCR test via nhs.uk online or by calling 119</li> <li>→ Contact school to inform us of the test result as soon as possible</li> <li>→ Agree the earliest date for the possible return (minimum 10 days)</li> <li>→ Members of the household should self-isolate for 10 days. See Stay at Home guidance</li> </ul>	<p>Either</p> <p>...the PCR test is negative</p> <p>Or</p> <p>...10 days have passed since the tests was taken <b>AND</b> they feel well</p>
<p>... my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>	<p>...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhea (as per the attendance policy).</p>
<p>...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school or setting</li> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Members of the household should self-isolate for 10 days. See <a href="#">Stay at Home guidance</a></li> <li>→ Household member to get a test via nhs.uk online or by calling 119</li> <li>→ Inform the school or setting immediately about the test results</li> </ul>	<p>...the test comes back negative</p>
<p>... someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days.</li> <li>→ Support your child at home with any remote education provided by your school.</li> <li>→ Other members of the household should self-isolate for 10 days. See <a href="#">Stay at Home guidance</a></li> </ul>	<p>...my child has completed 10 days of self-isolation.</p>
<p>... NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of a confirmed positive case</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Child must not come to school</li> <li>→ Support your child at home with any remote education provided by your school.</li> <li>→ Your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days.</li> <li>→ Other siblings may continue to attend school provided they have not been identified as contacts and they don't have any COVID symptoms</li> </ul>	<p>...my child has completed 10 days of self-isolation.</p>
<p>... NHS test and trace has identified a household member (not my child) as a close contact of a confirmed positive case</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ The household member must self-isolate for 10 days</li> <li>→ Child can continue to attend school until or unless the child or anyone else in the household develops COVID symptoms and/or tests positive.</li> </ul>	<p>...child(ren) can continue to attend school provided they don't have symptoms and/or have tested positive.</p>
<p>...my child has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed positive case within school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ You will receive a letter of notification from school</li> <li>→ Child must not come to school</li> <li>→ Support your child at home with any remote education provided by your school.</li> <li>→ Your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days.</li> <li>→ Other siblings may continue to attend school until or unless the child or anyone else in the household develops COVID symptoms and/or tests positive.</li> </ul>	<p>...my child has completed 10 days of self-isolation.</p>

<p>... my child's sibling at another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to being a contact of a confirmed positive case in their school</p>	<p>→ The sibling must self-isolate for 10 days</p> <p>→ Child(ren) at this school can continue to attend until or unless the child or anyone else in the household develops COVID symptoms and/or tests positive.</p>	<p>...child(ren) can continue to attend school provided they don't have symptoms and/or have tested positive.</p>
<p><b>Please note, at the moment (1/4/21) international travel is not permitted and anyone returning from abroad has to isolate for 10 days either at a quarantine facility or at home. Always check the latest government guidance for travel for up to date information</b></p>		
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT one of the exempt list of countries. (i.e. they need to self-isolate after returning from this country).</p>	<p>→ <a href="#">Follow the most up to date government guidance here.</a></p> <p>→ Ring school to inform them you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</p>	<p>Either... the quarantine period of 10 days has been completed.</p> <p>Or.... They have completed the Test To Release scheme with negative test results</p>
<p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p>	<p>→ As long as you do not have/ have not had symptoms in the last 10 days, your child can continue to attend school.</p> <p>→ The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs unless they have a negative result from a Test and release procedure.</p>	<p>...child(ren) can continue to attend school.</p>