

Covid-19 related pupil absence

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

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

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

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| <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 → 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>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</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>→ Follow the most up to date government guidance here. → 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. 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. → 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> |