

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

What to do if	Action needed	Return to school when
<p>My child has COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.</li> <li>• A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.</li> <li>• A loss of change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything.</li> </ul>	<p>Do not come to school.</p> <p>Inform the school.</p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.</p> <p>Get a test.</p> <p>Inform the school immediately about the test result.</p>	<p>The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for COVID-19...</p>	<p>Do not come to school.</p> <p>Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for possible return</p> <p>Minimum of 10 days.</p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.</p> <p>Bubble isolate/remote learning.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>My child tests negative.</p>	<p>Contact the school.</p> <p>Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day).</p>	<p>The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Follow usual school absence policy procedure.</p>	<p>After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence.</p>
<p>Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms.</p>	<p>Do not come to school.</p> <p>Contact school.</p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.</p> <p>Household member to get tested.</p> <p>Inform school immediately about test result.</p>	<p>The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19.</p>	<p>Do not come to school.</p> <p>Contact school.</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for possible return</p> <p>Minimum of 14 days.</p>	<p>The child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>
<p>NHS Test, Trace, Protect has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed COVID-19.</p>	<p>Do not come to school.</p> <p>Contact school.</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for possible return</p> <p>Minimum of 14 days self-isolation.</p>	<p>The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation.</p>
<p>We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.</p>	<p>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time.</p> <p>Consider quarantine requirements and government advice when booking travel.</p> <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed.</p> <p>Agree an earliest date for possible return.</p> <p>Minimum of 14 days from return date.</p> <p>Self-isolate the whole household.</p>	<p>The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
<p>We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<p>Do not come to school.</p> <p>Contact school.</p> <p>Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</p>	<p>School inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school.</p>
<p>My child's bubble is closed due to COVID-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<p>Do not come to school.</p> <p>At home support your child with remote education provided by school.</p> <p>Your child will need to isolate for 14 days.</p>	<p>School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.</p>