

Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence – A Guide for Parents



If you require to get a test, you can do this via the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

We are aware that you may struggle to get a test, whether this is due to there being no home tests available or the available test centre being too far away. Please keep refreshing the page as tests are released throughout the day.

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
<p>My child has Covid-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on chest or back • A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for an hour or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours • A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything 	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the WHOLE household while getting the symptomatic person/people tested. Get a test. INFORM SCHOOL OF THE TEST RESULT</p>	<p>The test comes back negative and your child no longer has a high temperature. Children can return with a cough after a negative test as this can last for several weeks.</p>
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate your child for a minimum of ten days and the household for 14 days.</p>	<p>Ten days have passed and they feel better. However, the rest of the household has to self-isolate for 14 days. Children can return with a cough after the minimum of ten days as this can last for several weeks.</p>
My child tests negative	<p>CONTACT THE SCHOOL Discuss when your child will be returning to school (same day/next day).</p>	<p>The test comes back negative and your child feels well enough to return to school</p>
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE	
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the whole household until person with symptoms tests negative.</p>	<p>When person with symptom gets a negative test.</p>
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Your child must self-isolate at home for 14 days.</p>	<p>Your child has completed 14 days isolation at home.</p>
NHS Test & Trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with a confirmed case of Covid-19	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Your child must self-isolate at home for 14 days.</p>	<p>Your child has completed 14 days isolation at home.</p>
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<p>Please do not travel if quarantine requirements will mean a child missing school. This will be an unauthorised absence. Your child must self-isolate for 14 days from return date.</p>	<p>The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Shield until you are informed by a medical professional that your child is no longer required to shield. Liaise with school for remote learning.</p>	<p>You are informed that shielding advice has been lifted and your child can return to school.</p>
My child's class group has been asked to remain at home. Reasons may include under the direction of PHE or due to an inability to safely staff the class group.	<p>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL You will be informed by school if this happens. Pupil self-isolates for 14 days and will be provided with remote learning. Other family members do not need to self-isolate.</p>	<p>School will inform you when your child can return to school.</p>