

COVID-19 RELATED PUPIL ABSENCE A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS

As we enter the autumn and winter months especially please refer to this chart when required. We will update as and when government guidelines change.

WHAT TO DO IF....	ACTION NEEDED	RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN....
My Child has COVID symptoms: HIGH TEMPERATURE -this means you feel hot to touch on your chest and 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 OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE - this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days Get a test. INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT	The test comes back negative
My child tests positive for COVID	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact the school to inform us Agree an earliest date for possible return. MINIMUM OF 10 DAYS Self- isolate the whole household for 14 days Year group Bubble to isolate/ access 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.
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	FOLLOW THE USUAL SCHOOL SICKNESS PROCEDURES	After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence
Someone in my household has COVID symptoms	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact the school Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days Household members to get tested INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS	The test comes back negative
Someone in my household tests positive for COVID	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.
NHS test and trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed COVID	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
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate a period of quarantine.	Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO 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 informs you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school
My child's Year group bubble is closed due to COVID outbreak in school	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL At home support your child with remote education provided by your school Your child will need to isolate for 14 days	School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened