

## COVID-19 RELATED PUPIL ABSENCE

A quick reference guide for parents and staff – September 2020

What to do it . . .	Action Needed	Return to school when . . .
. . . my child has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Get a test</li> <li>- <b>Inform the school immediately about the test results</b></li> </ul>	. . . the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well
. . . my child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days)</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	. . . 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
. . . my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day)</li> </ul>	. . . the test comes back negative
. . . my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Monitor symptoms</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Ring on each day of illness if it remains un-COVID related</li> </ul>	. . . No test needed if it remains un-COVID related
. . . someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Household member to get a test</li> <li>- <b>Inform school immediately about test results</b></li> </ul>	. . . the test comes back negative
. . . someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days)</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	. . . the child has completed 14 days of isolation
. . . NHS test and trace has identified my child as having close contact with somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days)</b></li> </ul>	. . . the child has completed 14 days of isolation
. . . NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as having close contact with somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The household member must self-isolate for 14 days</b></li> <li>- Child can continue to attend school unless anyone in the household begins to show symptoms</li> <li>- <b>If symptoms are seen test must be taken and all members of the household must await test results</b></li> </ul>	. . . child can continue to attend school unless symptoms develop

<p>... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days</b></li> <li>- Unless directed by the school children can continue to attend</li> </ul>	<p>... children can continue to attend school</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries</p>	<p><b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled</li> <li>- Contact the school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul> <p><b>*Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office (FCDO)</b> – for up to date travel information</p>	<p>... the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country of territory that IS on the exempt list of countries</p>	<p><b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check the current <a href="#">Exempt countries and territories list</a> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school</li> </ul>	<p>... you have informed the school office of your return to the UK (the school office may ask you a few questions about your travel)</p>
<p>... I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school</li> <li>- The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including for drop-offs and pick-ups from school (please contact school if you need support getting your child to school)</li> </ul>	<p>... child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>... we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<p>... school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again OR ... you receive medical advice that your child may return to school</p>
<p>... my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Child must not come to school</b></li> <li>- Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school</li> <li>- Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days</li> <li>- Other siblings may continue to attend school</li> </ul>	<p>... school inform you that the bubble will be reopened</p>
<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p><b>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home</b></p>	<p>... the child has completed 14 days isolation</p>

