

A quick reference guide for school absence



What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
<p>My child has Covid-19 symptoms:</p> <p>High temperature - this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back</p> <p>A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs</p> <p>A loss or change to sense of taste or smell - this means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal</p>	<p>DO NOT come to school.</p> <p>Contact school to inform us.</p> <p>Self-isolate the WHOLE household and any support / childcare bubble for 10 days while getting the symptomatic person tested.</p> <p>Get a test.</p> <p>Inform school of the test result as soon as possible.</p>	<p>The test comes back negative and if the fever is gone.</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>In school hours- 0191 5864660</p> <p>Out of school hours via Class Dojo message directly to Mrs Cook.</p> <p>Quarantine the patient and household / bubble members (support & childcare) for 10 days</p>	<p>They can return after 10 days.</p> <p>Your child can return with a cough after a minimum of 10 days (as this symptom can last for several weeks).</p> <p>They should not return until the high temperature has gone.</p>
<p>My child tests negative.</p>	<p>Contact school.</p> <p>Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day).</p> <p>Household / bubble members can stop isolating if a negative test result is received.</p>	<p>The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.</p>	<p>Follow the usual school absence policy.</p>	<p>For sickness/diarrhoea your child MUST be clear for 48 hours before returning to school.</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 10 days. The person with symptoms needs to be tested. If test is negative return to school.</p> <p>Inform school of the test result as soon as possible.</p>	<p>When the person with symptoms gets a negative test result.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.</p>	<p>DO NOT come to school.</p> <p>Contact school.</p> <p>Pupil isolates at home for 10 days.</p>	<p>The child has completed 10 days isolation at home.</p>
<p>NHS Test & Trace has identified my child has been in close contact</p>	<p>DO NOT come to school.</p> <p>Contact school.</p>	<p>The child has completed 10 days isolation at home.</p>

of someone with a confirmed case of Covid-19.	Pupil isolates at home for 10 days.	
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine.	Please do not travel if quarantine requirements will mean a child missing school as an unauthorised absence. Pupil isolates for 10 days from return date.	The quarantine period of 10 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. Liaise with school re: home learning.	You are informed that shielding advice has been lifted and your child can return to school.
My child's bubble is closed due to a confirmed case of Covid-19 in school.	DO NOT come to school. Support your child at home with remote learning for 10 days. Siblings can come to school if their bubbles remain open. Family members do not need to isolate.	School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.

If you are self-isolating:

- **Do not go to work, school or public places (including shops)**
- **Do not use public transport or use taxis**
- **Do not have visitors in your home (except people providing essential care)**
- **Do not go out to exercise**