



Covid-19 Pupil Absence Guide

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate all members of the household (siblings must not attend school) - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...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"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us immediately about the test result - Agree earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days) - Self-isolate all members of the household (siblings must not attend school) 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell - <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks)</i> - AND the child feels well
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day) 	...the test comes back negative
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Ring on each day of illness 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us immediately - Self-isolate all members of the household - Household member to get a test - Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative or after the child has completed 14 days of isolation
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us immediately - Agree earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days) - Self-isolate the whole household 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days) 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days - Child(ren) can continue to attend school 	...child can continue to attend school
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days - William Murdoch Primary School child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child can continue to attend school
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries	If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled - Contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school - Self-isolate the whole household 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed

	<p>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information</p>	
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school 	<p>... you have informed the school office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>)</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"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs 	<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"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...the government has lifted shielding restrictions and your child can return to school again</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school</p>
<p>...my child's bubble has been told to isolate due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school - Support your child at home with remote education provided by school - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days - Other siblings may continue to attend school 	<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><i>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.</i></p>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation</p>