

COVID 19 Absences: A Guide for Parents and Carers

Scenario	What to do	When can your child return to school?
Your child has symptoms of COVID-19.	<p>If your child has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature, which is anything above 38°C in children; • a new, continuous cough, which means coughing a lot more than an hour, or having 3 or more coughing episodes in the space of 24 hours; or • a loss or change in their sense of taste or smell. They may notice that they can't taste or smell anything, or food / drinks might taste funny or different. <p>Then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school. • Telephone school to inform us. • Get a coronavirus test. • Inform us immediately of the test result. 	Your child can return to school if their coronavirus test result is negative.
Your child tests positive for coronavirus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school. • Telephone school to inform us. • Agree the earliest possible date for your child to return, which will be a minimum of 10 days from the receipt of a positive test. • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. <p>Your child's class will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. The class teacher will provide Home Learning, which must be completed during the isolation period.</p>	If your child feels better and no longer has a temperature, they can return to school after 10 days. They can return even if they still have a cough or a loss of taste/smell as these symptoms may last for several weeks.

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Someone in your household, other than your child, has symptoms of COVID-19	<p>If someone in your household has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature, which is anything above 38°C in children; • a new, continuous cough, which means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or having 3 or more coughing episodes in the space of 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual); or • a loss or change in their sense of taste or smell. They may notice that they can't taste or smell anything, or food / drinks might taste funny or different. <p>Then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school. • Telephone school to inform us. • Get a coronavirus test for your child. • Inform us immediately of the test result. 	Your child can return to school if their coronavirus test result is negative.
Someone in your household, other than your child, tests positive for covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school. • Telephone school to inform us. • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. 	Your child can return to school after the 14-day isolation period.
NHS Test & Trace has identified that my child has been in close contact with someone with COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school. • Telephone school to inform us. • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. • If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus, take them for a test. 	Your child can return to school after the 14-day isolation period.
NHS Test and Trace has identified that someone in my household, other than my child, has been	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The household member who has been identified by Test and Trace must self-isolate for 14 days. The rest of the household do not need to isolate. 	Your child can continue to come to school if the person contacted by Test and Trace is not displaying any symptoms.

in close contact with someone with COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the household member who has been contacted by Test and Trace develops symptoms of coronavirus, they must get a test and all household members must isolate for 14 days. 	For what to do in case of positive tests, see above.
Your child needs to quarantine after returning from overseas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please do not take unauthorised leave in term time. • Consider quarantine requirements and advise from the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office when booking travel abroad. • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. 	Your child can return to school when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
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You have received medical advice that your child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school. • Telephone school to inform us. • Follow shielding requirements. <p>Home Learning will be set for your child, which you will need to complete with them at home.</p>	Your child can return to school when the shielding restrictions have been lifted.
Your child is ill with symptoms which are not linked to COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow our normal procedures for reporting an absence or requesting the administration of medicine. 	Your child can return to school when they have recovered from their illness. Please note that your child must not return to school until 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.