



Covid-19 related pupil absence

A guide for staff and parents March 2021

What has happened?	What do I do?	When can my child come back to school?
Your child has Covid-19 symptoms: a new, continuous cough, a high temperature, changes to senses of smell and taste.	Do not come to school. Let school know immediately. Self-isolate the whole household. Get a PCR test for your child. Keep school updated.	When you have informed school that your child has a negative test result. If they haven't been tested, 10 days after the symptoms appeared providing your child does not still have a temperature and they feel well. They may still be coughing. This is ok. Members of the household must also isolate for 10 days from the day the person showed symptoms.
Your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 at school.	We will self-isolate your child and contact you. Collect your child as soon as possible. Self-isolate the whole household. Get a test for your child. Keep the school updated.	When you have informed school that your child has a negative test result. If they haven't been tested, 10 days after the symptoms appeared providing your child does not still have a temperature and they feel well. They may still be coughing. This is ok. Members of the household must also isolate for 10 days from the day the person showed symptoms.
Your child has a test which is positive.	Contact the school to let us know. Your child must self-isolate for at least 10 days. The rest of the household must self-isolate for 10 days. Engage with NHS test and trace.	10 days after the symptoms appeared providing your child does not still have a temperature and they feel well. They may still be coughing. This is ok. Members of the household must also isolate for 10 days from the day the person showed symptoms or 10 days from the day of the test if asymptomatic.
Your child has a test which is negative.	Contact the school to let us know.	As soon as you have informed school that your child has a negative test result.
You cannot get a test for your child.	Contact school - we may be able to provide you with a test. If you cannot get a test for your child in the first 5 days, your child should self-isolate for at least 10 days. Continue to isolate the whole household for 10 days. Keep the school updated.	10 days after the symptoms appeared providing your child does not still have a temperature and they feel well. They may still be coughing. This is ok. Members of the household must also isolate for 10 days from the day the person showed symptoms.
Your child is ill with a cold, sore throat, headache, sickness or other symptoms not related to Covid-19.	If your child is too ill to come to school, keep them at home and follow our usual guidelines. Your child can come to school with a cold or other illness if they would normally, as long as they do not have	Your child can continue to attend school if they are well enough or can return as soon as they are well enough. Normal procedures apply. Remember that your child should not attend for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as normal).

	any of the three Covid-19 symptoms.	
Someone in your household, (not your child), has symptoms.	Do not come to school. Let school know immediately. Self-isolate the whole household. Get a test for the person with symptoms. Keep school updated.	When you have informed school that the household member has a negative test result. If they haven't been tested, other household members, including children, should continue to self-isolate for 10 days.
Someone in your household tests positive for Covid-19.	Do not come to school. Let school know immediately. Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days.	After 10 days self-isolation as long as your child doesn't develop symptoms themselves during this time.
You cannot get a test for the member of your household with symptoms.	If you cannot get a test in the first 5 days, the person with symptoms should self-isolate for at least 10 days. Continue to isolate the whole household for 10 days. Let school know and keep us updated.	After 10 days self-isolation as long as your child doesn't develop symptoms themselves during this time.
NHS test and trace have identified your child as a close contact of a confirmed case.	Do not send them to school. Let school know. Your child has to self-isolate for 10 days. The rest of your household do not need to isolate as long as your child doesn't develop symptoms.	After 10 days self-isolation as long as your child doesn't develop symptoms during this time.
NHS test and trace have identified someone in your household, (not your child), as a close contact of a confirmed case.	The household member should self-isolate for 10 days. Your child can continue to come to school unless the household member develops symptoms.	The child continues to attend school if they are not the direct contact.
A sibling in another class or school has been sent home with Covid-19 symptoms.	Do not come to school. Let school know immediately. Self-isolate the whole household. Get a test for the child with symptoms. Keep school updated.	When you have informed school that the sibling has a negative test result. If they haven't been tested, the sibling can return 10 days after the symptoms appeared providing they do not still have a temperature and they feel well. They may still be coughing. This is ok. Other household members, including children, should also self-isolate for 10 days.
A sibling in another class or school has been asked to self-isolate as a result of being a close contact of a confirmed case.	The sibling who has been a contact should self-isolate for 10 days. The rest of the household including other children can continue to attend school.	Your child can continue to attend as normal. Only the sibling needs to self-isolate.
My child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 confirmed case.	The child in the bubble should not come onto school site and the child (not whole household) should self-isolate for 10 days.	School will give you a date when the bubble will reopen. Other siblings can continue to attend school unless your child develops symptoms themselves.