

### Covid-19 related pupil absence

A reference guide for parents and school / setting staff (as of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when....
<p>... my child has developed <b>one or more</b> Covid-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a new continuous cough</li> <li>a high temperature</li> <li>a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school or setting</li> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Child to get a test via nhs.uk online or by calling 119</li> <li>→ Members of the household should self-isolate for <b>10</b> days. See <a href="#">Stay at Home</a> guidance</li> <li>→ Inform the school or setting immediately about any test results</li> <li>→ If after 10 days, your child still has a temperature they should continue to self-isolate and seek medical advice</li> </ul>	<p>...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, the child feels well and does not have a temperature.</p>
<p>... my child tests positive for Covid -19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school or setting</li> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Agree the earliest date for the possible return (minimum 10 days)</li> <li>→ Members of the household should self-isolate for <b>10</b> days. See <a href="#">Stay at Home</a> guidance</li> </ul>	<p>...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</p>
<p>... my child tests negative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Discuss when your child can come back (same day/ next day)</li> <li>→ Subject to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>everyone they live with who has symptoms tests negative</li> <li>everyone in their support bubble who has symptoms tests negative</li> <li>they are <b>not</b> a contact of a confirmed case</li> <li>they are well – if they feel unwell, stay at home until feeling better</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>...the test comes back negative</p>
<p>... my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>	<p>...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhea (as per the attendance policy).</p>
<p>...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school or setting</li> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Members of the household should self-isolate for <b>10</b> days. See <a href="#">Stay at Home</a> guidance</li> <li>→ Household member to get a test via nhs.uk online or by calling 119</li> <li>→ Inform the school or setting immediately about the test results</li> </ul>	<p>...the test comes back negative</p>
<p>... someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>If no Lateral Flow Testing is available at School/Setting</b> - Child must not come to school</li> <li>→ Support your child at home with any remote education provided by your school.</li> <li>→ Your child will need to self-isolate for <b>10</b> days.</li> <li>→ <b>If Lateral Flow Testing is available at school or setting</b> – your child may continue to attend school as long as they receive a negative test. Please talk to your school/setting about their testing.</li> <li>→ Other members of the household should self-isolate for <b>10</b> days. See <a href="#">Stay at Home</a> guidance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Either</b>...my child has completed <b>10</b> days of self-isolation.</p> <p><b>Or.... Lateral Flow testing is available in school/setting</b></p>

<p>... NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of a confirmed positive case</p>	<p>→ <b>If no Lateral Flow Testing is available at School/Setting</b> - Child must not come to school  → Support your child at home with any remote education provided by your school.  → Your child will need to self-isolate for <b>10</b> days.  → Other siblings may continue to attend school  → <b>If Lateral Flow Testing is available at school or setting</b> – your child may continue to attend school as long as they receive a negative test. Please talk to your school/setting about their testing.</p>	<p>Either...my child has completed <b>10</b> days of self-isolation.  Or.... <b>Lateral Flow testing is available in school/setting</b></p>
<p>... NHS test and trace has identified a household member (not my child) as a close contact of a confirmed positive case</p>	<p>→ The household member must self-isolate for <b>10</b> days  → Child can continue to attend school</p>	<p>...child(ren) can continue to attend school.</p>
<p>...my child has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed positive case within school</p>	<p>→ You will receive a letter of notification from school  → <b>If no Lateral Flow Testing is available at School/Setting</b> - Child must not come to school  → Support your child at home with any remote education provided by your school.  → Your child will need to self-isolate for <b>10</b> days.  → Other siblings may continue to attend school  → <b>If Lateral Flow Testing is available at school or setting</b> – your child may continue to attend school as long as they receive a negative test. Please talk to your school/setting about their testing.</p>	<p>...my child has completed <b>10</b> days of self-isolation.</p>
<p>... my child's sibling at another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to being a contact of a confirmed positive case in their school</p>	<p>→ The sibling must self-isolate for <b>10</b> days <b>unless Lateral Flow Testing is available at their school (Speak to their school about their testing)</b>  → Child(ren) at this school can continue to attend.</p>	<p>...child(ren) can continue to attend school.</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT one of the exempt list of countries. (i.e. they need to self-isolate after returning from this country).</p>	<p>→ <b><u><a href="#">Follow the most up to date government guidance here.</a></u></b>  → Ring school to inform them you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</p>	<p>Either... the quarantine period of <b>10</b> days has been completed.  Or.... They have completed the <b>Test To Release scheme with a negative test result</b></p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS one of the exempt list of countries. (i.e. they do NOT need to self-isolate after returning from this country).</p>	<p>→ <b><u><a href="#">Follow the most up to date government guidance here</a></u></b>  → Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</p>	<p>...you have informed the school or setting office of your return (they 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>	<p>→ As long as you do not have/ have not had symptoms in the last <b>10</b> days, your child can continue to attend school.  → The person who has travelled <b>MUST NOT</b> leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs <b>unless they have a negative result from a Test and release procedure.</b></p>	<p>...child(ren) 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>→ Do not come to school.</li> <li>→ Contact school to inform us.</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  ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
<p>...I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms.</p>	<p>→ If you are unable to get a test, your child and anyone they live with must continue to self-isolate for 10 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</p>	<p>... the child has completed 10 days of isolation.</p>