Coronavirus (COVIID -19) Absences quick reference guide for Parents and Carers



What to do if	Action needed	Return to school when
My child has one or more of the Coronavirus symptoms, which are: - a high temperature - a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours - a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal	 Do not come to school Contact school to report the absence Self-isolate Get a test Inform school immediately with test results School will provide work for your child to do at home 	The test comes back negative
My child tests positive for Coronavirus	 Do not come to school Contact school to report the positive test and absence Self-isolate for at least 10 days School will provide work for your child to do at home 	Your child can return to school after 10 days of self-isolation, even if they still have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection has gone.
Somebody in my household has one or more of the coronavirus symptoms	 Do not come to school Contact school to report the absence Self-isolate for 14 days School will provide work for your child to do at home 	The household member has tested negative.
Somebody in my household has tested positive for Coronavirus	 Do not come to school Contact school to report the absence Self-isolate for 14 days School will provide work for your child to do at home 	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation and has no symptoms. If your child develops symptom, get them tested and if positive then they need to restart a 10-day self-isolation period and only return to school after this period.
NHS test and trace have identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	 Do not come to school Contact school to report the absence Self-isolate for 14 days School will provide work for your child to do at home 	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation and has no symptoms. If your child develops symptom, get them tested and if positive then they need to restart a 10-day self-isolation period and only return to school after this period.
We want to book a holiday abroad	 Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy any holidays booked in term time would be unauthorised 	
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	 Do not come to school if you are returning from a destination where quarantine is needed Contact school to report the absence Self-isolate for 14 days School will provide work for your child to do at home 	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed. If your child develops symptom, get them tested and if positive then they need to restart a 10-day self-isolation period and only return to school after this period.
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	 Do not come to school Contact school to inform us of shielding Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	Restrictions have been lifted.