

Covid-19 related Pupil Absence

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



PLEASE SEE THE NHS WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 SYMPTOMS, TESTING & TRACING AND SELF-ISOLATING AT HOME: nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

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 the whole household • 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. • Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). • Self-isolate the whole household. 	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. • Self-isolate the whole household. • Household member to get a test. • Inform school immediately about test result. 	The test comes back negative.
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. • Agree an 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 an 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. • The child can continue to attend school. 	The 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. • Bulwell Adacemy child(ren) can continue to attend. 	The child can continue to attend school

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My child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <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. <p><i>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information</i></p>	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
My child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	<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. 	You have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).
I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	<p>As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>). 	The child can continue to attend school
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
My child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must not come to school. • Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. • Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. • Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	School inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<p>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.</p>	The child has completed 14 days of isolation.

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