

COVID-19 Absence Guidance



Applicable to pupils and staff

WHAT TO DO	ACTION NEEDED	BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN
my child has COVID 19 (Coronavirus) symptoms*	 Child should not attend school Inform school immediately Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates 	when the child's test comes back as negative or after a minimum of 10 days of self-isolation
my child tests positive for COVID19 (Coronavirus)	 Child should not attend school Child self-isolates for 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms*) Inform school immediately of the test result Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms*) - even if someone tests negative during those 10 days 	after 10 days of self-isolation and has been without a temperature for at least 48 hours. The child may still have a cough or loss / change in sense of taste and smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone
somebody in the household has COVID-19 (Coronavirus) symptoms*	 Child should not attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about the test result 	when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 (Coronavirus) symptoms*
somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus)	 Child should not attend school Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 10 days 	when child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 10 days

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NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID- 19 (Coronavirus)	 Child should not attend school Child self-isolates for 10 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 10 days The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' as well to the infected person 	when the child has completed 10 days of self- isolation, even if they test negative during those 10 days
we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	 Do not take unauthorised leave from school in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel to ensure time in school is not lost Provide information to school as per attendance policy Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed: Child should not attend school Whole household self-isolates for 10 days – even if they test negative during those 10 days 	when the quarantine period of 10 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 10 days
we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	Contact the school to discuss options for safe learning	When advised by the school in consultation with other agencies as appropriate

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....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (Coronavirus)

- Only people with symptoms* need to get a test
- People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive

...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

A new continuous cough means:

• You are coughing a lot for more than 1 hour



OR

• You have been coughing a lot 3 or more times in 24 hours



If you normally have a cough, it may be worse than usual



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