

Coronavirus related absences quick reference guide

What to do if....	Action needed	Return to school when...
<p>...my Child has coronavirus symptoms;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature over 38C using a thermometer • A new continuous cough • A complete loss or change of smell or taste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate • Get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	<p>...the test comes back negative.</p>
<p>...my child tests positive for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate for at least 10 days • Inform school immediately about test result 	<p>...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
<p>...my child tests negative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day) 	<p>...the test comes back negative.</p>
<p>...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate • Household member to get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	<p>...the household member test is negative.</p>
<p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate for 14 days 	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation.</p>
<p>...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate for 14 days 	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation.</p>
<p>...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy 	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>

	Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate for 14 days 	
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school as required • Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.
...my child's bubble is closed due to a covid-19 outbreak in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Support your child at home with remote education provided by school • Your child will need to isolate for 14 days 	...school will inform you when the bubble will be re-opened.

Children who are otherwise well with; runny noses, sore throats without a fever, mild colds can go to school as normal. If they are unwell with the aforementioned symptoms and they would benefit from time at home to recover, please keep them at home. Children who have sickness and/or diarrhoea need to stay off school until they are 48 hours clear of symptoms.

If you are in any doubt please ring 111, or 111.nhs.uk/COVID-19 or phone your own doctor/medical centre and seek medical advice.