

COVID related student absence

Quick reference guide for parents and carers

What to do if.....	Action Needed	Return to school when.....
<p>...my child has COVID-19 symptoms.</p> <p>*High Temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)</p> <p>*A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)</p> <p>*A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, if things smell or taste different to normal.</p> <p>Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. (cited on www.nhs.uk website)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test (https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus/covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/) - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	<p>...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.</p>
<p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must 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 	<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.)</p> <p>And the child feels well.</p>
<p>...my child tests negative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Contact school to inform us -Discuss when your child can come back (same day / next day) 	<p>...as soon as possible after the test comes back negative</p>
<p>...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 that would not affect ability to learn or be in school e.g. cold symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child should come to school 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19, that would affect ability to learn or be in school e.g. sickness or diarrhoea</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school - Contact school to inform us -Ring on each day of illness re normal school absence procedures -monitor child who is ill re any symptoms changing https://covid.joinzoe.com/post/backto-school <p>Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health state that children with simple cold symptoms such as coryzal symptoms (runny noses) or sore throats without fever who would normally attend school should not be tested for Covid-19</p>	<p>...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy), to prevent passing on to others</p>

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...someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self isolate the whole household - Household member with symptoms to get a test only - the other household members wait for the result and if positive then they have to self-isolate for 14 days - Inform school immediately about the test result and agree an earliest date for possible return 	<p>...the test comes back negative the child can return to school</p> <p>Or</p> <p>...the child has isolated for 14 days before they return to school</p>
...someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must 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"> - Child must 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 - Child can continue to attend school 	...child can continue to attend school
...a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days - Barnwell child(ren) can continue to attend 	...child can continue to attend 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
...my child's bubble is closed due to lack of staff related to a COVID-19 outbreak such as track and trace or outbreaks in staff household bubbles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school – school will inform you - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school - Other siblings may continue to attend school bubbles if there is staff available 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened
...I am unable to get a test for someone in my household who has symptoms	If you are not able to get a test in the first 4-5 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.	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation