








COVID-19 (Coronavirus) absence

A quick guide for parents/carers

Please see attached flow chart at end

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when
 <p>...my child has COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a new continuous cough • a fever above 38° • loss or change of smell/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 results 	<p>... have a test and if negative return as soon as your child is well, if you do not have a test you must isolate for 10 days and all family members for 14 days.</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (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 results • Other members of the household to isolate for 14 days 	<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>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (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 results 	<p>... the household member test is negative, your child can return to school</p>

 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (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 COVID-19 (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 has 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>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact the school daily • Self-isolate for 14 days 	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed</p>
 <p>...we have received advice that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact the school as advised by the attendance officer/pastoral team • Shield until you are informed restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>... school/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p>

Would you have kept your child off school before

YES

Keep your child off school

NO

Do they have

1. A new continuous cough?
2. A fever (High temperature over 38°C using a thermometer?)
3. A complete loss or change of smell or taste?

YES

Keep your child off school and stay at home

Speak to 119 or go to the www.gov.uk/coronavirus website and arrange for a self-test to be done

Your child and your household must self-isolate

NO

Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition such as cystic fibrosis?

NO

Kids who are otherwise well with:

- Runny noses
- Sore throats without a fever
- Mild colds

Can go to school AS NORMAL

YES

Speak to their specialist team about testing criteria if you haven't already seen or spoken to them or had a letter in the post telling you when to worry

