



COVID19 related learner absence guide for parents

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **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)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when....
...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 	...48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. ...as soon as child is well enough to attend
...my child has Covid 19 symptoms (see symptoms above)	<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 school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child tests positive for Covid19	<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 	...they feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms days can last for several weeks.
...child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us - Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day) 	...the test comes back negative
...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 have a test - Inform school as soon as test result received 	...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 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 family member as a close contact of somebody with confirmed Covid 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirm with test and trace that your child isn't a close contact - Contact school to inform us - Child can attend school 	...school same day
...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days from travel return date - Self-isolate the whole household 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
...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. 	...school informs you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
...my child's class is closed due to a Covid 19 case in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Support your child at home with remote learning provided by school - Self-isolate for 14 days 	...school inform you that the class will be reopened