









Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Absence

A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Actions	Return to school when...
 <p>...my child has Coronavirus symptoms?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not attend school. ✗ Do not leave the house – this includes not attending out of school activities, attending dental / medical appointments, going shopping. ✓ Contact school. ✓ All members of the household self-isolate for 14 days. ✓ Get a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119 if no internet access. (School may provide home kit if unable to get test). ✓ Inform school immediately about test results. 	<p>...the test comes back negative, the child feels well and has been without fever for 48 hours (without the use of paracetamol).</p> <p>(unless your child has been asked to self-isolate as they are a contact of a confirmed case or someone else in the household has symptoms).</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for Coronavirus?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not attend school. ✗ Do not leave the house – this includes not attending out of school activities, attending dental / medical appointments, going shopping. ✓ Self-Isolate for at least 10 days. ✓ All members of the household self-isolate for 14 days. ✓ Inform school immediately about test result. 	<p>...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days from when they first got symptoms even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection has gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has Coronavirus symptoms?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not attend school. ✗ Do not leave the house – this includes not attending out of school activities, attending dental / medical appointments, going shopping. ✓ Contact school. ✓ All members of the household self-isolate. ✓ Household member to get a test. ✓ Inform school immediately about test result. 	<p>...the household member's test is negative and no-one else in the household has symptoms. If the test is positive, you will need to self-isolate for 14 days.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for Coronavirus?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not attend school. ✗ Do not leave the house – this includes not attending out of school activities, attending dental / medical appointments, going shopping. ✓ Contact school. ✓ Household member with positive result self-isolate for 10 days. ✓ All other members of the household self-isolate for 14 days. 	<p>...the child has completed the 14 days of self-isolation.</p> <p>If any other household member develops symptoms they would need to self-isolate from date of symptoms or positive test.</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 attend school. ✗ Do not leave the house – this includes not attending out of school activities, attending dental / medical appointments, going shopping. ✓ Contact school. ✓ Self-isolate for 14 days from last contact. ✓ Household members do not need to self-isolate unless the child develops symptoms. 	<p>...the child has completed the 14 days of self-isolation.</p>

 <p>...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a quarantine period?</p>	<p>Term time holidays, including absence and a result of needing to quarantine, are unauthorised.</p> <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not attend school. ✓ Contact school. ✓ Self-isolate for 14 days – even if a test is negative. 	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
 <p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not attend school. ✓ Contact school. ✓ Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school inform you that the restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p>
 <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (Coronavirus).</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>*Symptoms include at least one of the following: a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.</p>	

For the latest NHS information and advice about coronavirus or to arrange a test visit **[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)**