Student Absence during Covid-19 - A Quick Reference Guide for Parents

Key Symptoms of COVID-19

Fever (temperature of 37.8˚C or higher) **and/or** New, continuous cough (coughing for more than 1 hour of three coughing episodes within 24 hours) **and/or** Loss or change in normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

Use NHS online symptom checker: 111.nhs.uk/covid-19/

You must book a test if you have any of the symptoms, even if just one of them. If you need to book a test: www.nhs/uk/coronavirus or call 119 if you do not have internet access.

You should not book a test if you are not displaying symptoms.

To report an absence/test result, please inform school: 0113 8313449

'Report an Absence' What to do if…	**Action Needed**	**Return to school when…**
My child has one or more of the Covid-19 symptoms.	• Do not come to school. • Please contact school to inform us. • Self-isolate the whole household*. • Arrange a test for the child • Inform school immediately about the test result.	The test comes back negative. The child can return to school if they no longer have symptoms.
My child tests positive for Covid-19.	• Do not come to school. • Contact school to inform us. • Agree an earliest date for possible return. This will be a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms • Self-isolate the whole household* for 14 days from the onset of symptoms	They feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for weeks.
My child tests negative, and nobody else in the household* has symptoms	• Contact school to inform us. • Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day/when they feel better).	The test comes back negative.
My child tests negative but still has Covid 19 symptoms	• Contact school to inform us. • If still presenting Covid 19 symptoms, parent/carer must contact 119 or 111 (NHS) to get the all clear	Return to school if given all clear by NHS.
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	• Do not come to school. • Contact the school to inform us. • Ring on each day of illness.	Return to school when well. This should be after 48 hours if following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
Someone in my household* has Covid-19 symptoms.	• Do not come to school. • Contact school to inform us. • Self-isolate the whole household*. • Household member to get a test. • Inform school immediately about test results.	The test comes back negative.
Someone in my household* tests positive for Covid-19.	• Do not come to school. • Contact school to inform us.	The child has completed 14 days of isolation and is symptom free.

	• Agree an earliest date for possible return. • Self-isolate the whole household*. Minimum of 14 days from when the household member started self-isolation	
Someone in my household* tests negative for Covid-19 but still has symptoms	• Do not come to school • Parent/carer must contact 119 or 111 (NHS) to get all clear	Return to school if given all clear by NHS.
NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	• 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 and is symptom free.
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.	• Please do not take unauthorised leave in term time. • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel. Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed: Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days from 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	• 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 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 NB: There is a dedicated NHS advice team who will help determine which groups/year groups will need to self-isolate.	• Do not come to school. • If your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 they do not need to get a test unless instructed to do so by PHE or they develop Covid-19 symptoms. • They must self-isolate for 14 days, even if they do not have any symptoms. Members of your household do not need to self-isolate unless your child also develops symptoms.	School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.