









Coronavirus (COVID-19) absence



A Quick Guide for Parents and Carers

What to do if...	Action to take	Return to school when
 <p>...my child has coronavirus SYMPTOMS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Self-isolate child • Get a PCR test • Inform school immediately about test results • Contact school daily 	<p>... child is better if PCR test comes back negative</p>
 <p>...my child LFD (rapid) tests positive for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Get a PCR test • Inform school immediately about test results • Contact school daily 	<p>...child is better if PCR test comes back negative</p>
 <p>...my child PCR (lab) tests positive for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Self-isolate for at least 10 days • Inform school immediately about test results • Contact school daily 	<p>...they have completed 10 days self-isolation.</p> <p>They can return at this point even if with a cough or loss of smell/taste as these symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone, but should stay home if they still have a temperature.</p>

What to do if...	Action to take	Return to school when
 <p>...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The person with symptoms must self-isolate and seek a PCR test. • Unvaccinated children or adults who are fully vaccinated plus 2 weeks do not need to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms, but should take a PCR test. • Inform school immediately about test results if positive. • Continue to use rapid LFD tests regularly. 	<p>Continue to attend school unless symptoms develop (even mild) or they test positive.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The person with symptoms must self-isolate and seek a PCR test. • Unvaccinated children or adults who are fully vaccinated plus 2 weeks do not need to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms but should take a PCR test. • Inform school immediately about test results if positive. • Continue to use rapid LFD tests regularly. 	<p>Continue to attend school unless symptoms develop (even mild) or test positive.</p>
 <p>...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unvaccinated children under 18yrs & 6 months and those who are fully vaccinated plus 2 weeks do not need to self-isolate, unless they develop 	<p>Continue to attend school unless symptoms develop (even mild) or test positive.</p>

What to do if...	Action to take	Return to school when
<p>confirmed coronavirus</p>	<p>symptoms but should take a PCR test.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform school immediately about test results if positive • Continue to use rapid LFD tests regularly 	
 <p>...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part Government quarantine rules</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 10 days • Undertake PCR testing as required by quarantine rules 	<p>...the quarantine period of 10 days has been completed and required PCR testing results are known</p>
 <p>...if Government reintroduce shielding for clinically extremely vulnerable children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact the school as advised by the attendance officer or pastoral team • Shield until you are informed restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when Government advise it is safe to return to school and, if needed following discussion with the child's clinician.</p>