

**Covid Related Absence- information sheet (September 2020)**



**Covid 19 symptoms (NHS website)**

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

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

**As the guidance is constantly changing, please check NHS Guidance on COVID symptoms in children regularly, and especially if you are worried your child may be showing symptoms.**

It can be found here-

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

We appreciate that individual cases may be different but hopefully this information sheet will support parents and staff.

What to do if.....	Action Needed	Return to school when.....
.....my child/ member of staff has covid 19 symptoms	<b>Child/ staff member does not come to school (10 days)</b> <b>Contact school</b> Self isolate the whole household (14 days) <b>Get a test</b> Inform the school immediately about the test result	.....the test comes back negative or the isolation period has passed since the symptoms started
.....my child/ member of staff tests positive for covid 19	<b>Child/ staff member does not come to school (10 days)</b> <b>Contact school</b> Self isolate the whole household for 14 days.	....10 days have passed for the person who tested positive (even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/ smell, but feeling well- as symptoms can last for several weeks) .....14 days have passed for the rest of the household.
.....my child/staff member is ill with symptoms not linked to covid 19	<b>Child/ staff member does not come to school</b>  <b>Contact school</b>	.....they are feeling well (after 48 hrs following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea)
.....someone in my household has covid 19 symptoms	<b>child/ staff member does not come to school (14 days)</b> <b>Contact school</b> Self isolate the whole	....the test comes back negative and other household members do not display any symptoms.

	<p>household (14 days)  Household member with symptoms gets a test  Inform the school immediately about the test result  Remote learning will be organised</p>	
<p>....someone in my household tests positive for covid 19</p>	<p><b>Child/ staff member does not come to school (14 days)</b>  <b>Contact school</b>  Self isolate the whole household (14 days)  Remote learning will be organised</p>	<p>.... The 14 days self isolation has been completed and other household members do not display any symptoms</p>
<p>.....NHS test and trace has identified my child/ staff member as a close contact of a person with a positive test result</p>	<p><b>Child/staff member does not come to school (14 days)</b>  <b>Contact school</b>  The rest of the household does not need to self isolate unless the person isolating displays symptoms- see above  (.....someone in my household has covid 19 symptoms)  Remote learning will be organised</p>	<p>....the 14 day isolation has been completed</p>
<p>.....NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child/staff member as a close contact)</p>	<p><b>The household member must self isolate for 14 days</b>  Child/ staff member can continue to attend school even though one person in the household is self isolating unless the household member develops symptoms see above  (.....someone in my household has covid 19 symptoms)</p>	<p>.....child/ staff member can continue to attend school</p>
<p>....a sibling/ staff child attending another school has been sent home to self isolate due to their being a positive case in their school/ bubble</p>	<p><b>Sibling/ staff child must self isolate for 14 days</b>  Great Chart pupil/ member of staff can continue to attend unless sibling/ staff child develops symptoms</p>	<p>.... child/ staff member can attend school</p>
<p>....my child's bubble is closed due to a covid 19 outbreak in school</p>	<p><b>Child must not come to school</b>  Remote learning will be organised  Your child will need to self isolate for 14 days  Other siblings can continue to attend school</p>	<p>....school informs you that the bubble will be reopened</p>

.....I'm unable to get a test for my child/ myself (staff member) or member of my household displaying systems	Household members must self isolate for 14 days. Person displaying symptoms must isolate for 10 days Remote learning will be organised	...can return after the self isolation periods
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<b>Shielding (Pupil)</b>		
....we have medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<b>Child must not come to school</b> Remote learning will be organised	...when you receive advice that restrictions have been lifted

<b>Shielding (Staff)</b>
As current advice states there is no shielding, staff will need evidence from their GP etc that they need to shield.

<b>Travelling abroad</b>		
Please keep up to date with travel advice For staff members, please be aware of contractual duties and being available to work at the start of each term <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-countries-and-territories-exempt-from-advice-against-all-but-essential-international-travel">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-countries-and-territories-exempt-from-advice-against-all-but-essential-international-travel</a>		
....my child/ staff member has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries	<b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b> Contact school Minimum isolation period of 14 days for all who travelled Remote learning will be organised <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office">https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office</a>	....the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
.... my child or staff member did not travel with the rest of the family who are quarantining	They can continue to come to school	
....my child or staff member has travelled abroad from a country that is on the exempt list of countries	If returning from a destination where quarantining is not needed, they can return to school	

Staff in school are not professionally, medically trained but if children show symptoms we will need to send them home to ensure the safety of our whole community.

The fastest way to get a test result is to go to a testing site. Individuals will need a pre-booked appointment or they will not be given a test. People can also order home test kits to be sent directly to them. To book an appointment or order a home kit, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you have no internet access please phone 119