

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Absence

A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Actions	Return to school when...
 ...my child has Coronavirus symptoms?	✗ 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.	...the test comes back negative, the child feels well and has been without fever for 48 hours (without the use of paracetamol). (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).
 ...my child tests positive for Coronavirus?	✗ 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.	...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.
 ...somebody in my household has Coronavirus symptoms?	✗ 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.	...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.
 ...somebody in my household has tested positive for Coronavirus?	✗ 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.	...the child has completed the 14 days of self-isolation. If any other household member develops symptoms they would need to self-isolate from date of symptoms or positive test.
 ...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Coronavirus?	✗ 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.	...the child has completed the 14 days of self-isolation.

 ...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a quarantine period?	Term time holidays, including absence and a result of needing to quarantine, are unauthorised. Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed: ✗ Do not attend school. ✓ Contact school. ✓ Self-isolate for 14 days – even if a test is negative.	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
 ...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding?	✗ Do not attend school. ✓ Contact school. ✓ Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again.	...school inform you that the restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.
 ...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (Coronavirus).	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. *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.	

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