**COVID-19-related pupil absence**

**A quick reference guide for parents**

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| **What to do if** | **Action needed** | **Return to school when** |
| My child has COVID-19 symptoms:   * High temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back. * A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. * A loss of change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything. | Do not come to school.  Inform the school.  Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.  Get a test.  Inform the school immediately about the test result. | The test comes back negative. |
| My child tests positive for COVID-19… | Do not come to school.  Contact school to inform us.  Agree an earliest date for possible return Minimum of 10 days.  Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.  Bubble isolate/remote learning. | They feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks. |
| My child tests negative. | Contact the school.  Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day). | The test comes back negative. |
| My child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19. | Follow usual school absence policy procedure. | After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence. |
| Someone in my household has  COVID-19 symptoms. | Do not come to school.  Contact school.  Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.  Household member to get tested.  Inform school immediately about test result. | The test comes back negative. |
| Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19. | Do not come to school.  Contact school.  Agree an earliest date for possible return Minimum of 14 days. | The child has completed 14 days of isolation. |
| NHS Test, Trace, Protect has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed COVID-19. | Do not come to school.  Contact school.  Agree an earliest date for possible return Minimum of 14 days self-isolation. | The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation. |
| We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine. | Do not take unauthorised leave in term time.  Consider quarantine requirements and government 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.  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. |
| My child’s bubble is closed due to COVID-19 outbreak in school. | Do not come to school.  At home support your child with remote education provided by school.  Your child will need to isolate for 14 days. | School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened. |