



Coronavirus Related Absence Quick Reference Guide - Updated March 2021

What to do if	Action needed	Return to school when
My child has coronavirus symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new continuous cough • A high temperature • A loss of, or change, in your normal sense of taste or smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Contact the school to advise • Self-isolate the whole household • Get a test • Inform the school immediately about the test result 	The test comes back negative and your child feels well.
If a test is unavailable, your child will have to remain at home for 10 days from the first day of the symptoms, even if they feel better		
My child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Contact the school to advise • Self-isolate for 10 days (whole household) • Inform the school immediately about the test result 	After the 10 days of self-isolation and your child feels better, even if they have a cough or lack of taste/smell as the symptoms can last a few weeks once the infection has gone
Someone in my house has coronavirus symptoms (including siblings in this school/other schools)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Contact the school to advise • Self-isolate the whole household • Household member with symptoms must get a test • Inform the school immediately about the result 	The household member's test is negative and nobody in the house has symptoms.
Someone in my household tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come into school • Contact the school to advise • Self-isolate for 10 days (whole household) from the date the first person become ill 	Your child has completed the 10 days of self-isolation and has not developed symptoms.
NHS test & trace has identified my child as a close contact of someone who has tested positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact the school to advise • Self-isolate for 10 days 	Your child has completed the 10 days of self-isolation and has not developed symptoms.
My child has cold symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sore throat • Runny nose • Sneezing • Feeling slightly tired • Mild cough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come to school if your child feels well enough to attend • If you child feels too unwell to attend, contact the school to advise 	When your child feels well enough to attend

PLEASE NOTE - If you contact the school and say that your child has either flu like symptoms, a high temperature (even mildly high) or a persistent cough, your child will **not be allowed to return** until they have had a negative test or have stayed at home for 10 days from the time of the first symptom. This is for the safety of the whole school community. **Young children can still spread the virus, even if they feel better.**