**COVID-19 (Coronavirus) absence**

**A quick guide for schools and attendance staff**

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| **What to do if…** | **Advice to parents/carers regarding their child**  | **Return to school when** |
| Virus, Drawing, Coronavirus, Covid-19**…a child has COVID-19 symptoms** | * Do not come to school
* Contact school daily
* Self- isolate
* Get a test
* Inform school immediately about test results
 | **…the test comes back negative** |
| Covid-19, Corona, Test, Coronavirus**…a child tests positive for COVID-19**  | * Do not come to school
* Contact school daily
* Self- isolate for at least 10 days
* Inform school immediately about test results
 | …they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone. |
| Family, Father, Mother, Child, Girl**…somebody in a child’s household has COVID-19 symptoms** | * Do not come to school
* Contact school daily
* Self- isolate
* Household member to get a test
* Inform school immediately about test results
 | …the household member test is negative |
| Covid-19, Corona, Test, Coronavirus**…somebody in a child’s household has tested** **positive for COVID-19**  | * Do not come to school
* Contact school daily
* Self-isolate for 14 days
 | …the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation |
| Survey, Icon, Survey Icon, Questionnaire**…NHS test and trace have identified a child as a ‘close contact’ of somebody with symptoms or confirmed COVID-19**  | * Do not come to school
* Contact school daily
* Self-isolate for 14 days
 | …the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation |
| Coronavirus, Globe, Flags, World**…a child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine**  | * 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

**Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:*** Do not come to school
* Contact the school daily
* Self-isolate for 14 days
 | …the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed |
| Armor, Color, Medieval, Metal, Metallic **…parents/ carers have received advice that their child must resume shielding** | * Do not come to school
* Contact the school as advised by the attendance officer/pastoral team
* Shield until you are informed restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again
 | …school/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. |