**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](https://pixabay.com/illustrations/virus-drawing-coronavirus-covid-19-5468274/)**…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](https://pixabay.com/vectors/covid-19-corona-test-coronavirus-5239417/)**…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](https://pixabay.com/illustrations/family-father-mother-child-girl-2057301/)**…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](https://pixabay.com/vectors/covid-19-corona-test-coronavirus-5239417/)**…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](https://pixabay.com/vectors/survey-icon-survey-icon-2316468/)**…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](https://pixabay.com/vectors/coronavirus-globe-flags-world-5018466/)**…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](https://pixabay.com/vectors/armor-color-medieval-metal-158430/) **…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. |