**Covid-19 related pupil absence – quick reference guide**

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| **What to do if…..** | **Action needed** | **Return to school when….** |
| My child has **one or more** Covid-19 symptoms:   * **High temperature** – hot to touch on chest or back * **New continuous cough** – coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3+ coughing episodes in 24hrs * **Loss or change to sense of smell or taste** – can’t smell or taste anything | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school to inform us.  Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.  Get a test. Order online through the government website or by phoning 119.  INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT | ….the test comes back negative and your child no longer has a temperature. |
| My child tests positive for Covid-19 | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school to inform us.  Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.  Bubble isolates/remote learning. | …your child feels better. **He/she can return after 10 days** even with cough or change to taste/smell, but not with a temperature. |
| My child tests negative | **CONTACT THE SCHOOL**  Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day)? | …the test is negative and the school says it’s okay to return. |
| My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid. | Follow usual school absence procedures. | If sickness/tummy bug – return after 48 hours of last bout. |
| Someone in my household has symptoms of Covid-19. | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school to inform us.  Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.  Household members seek advice about getting tested.  **INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS** | …the test comes back negative. |
| Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19 | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school to inform us.  Agree on earliest date for possible return to school. **Minimum 14 days.** | …the child has completed **14 days of isolation.** |
| NHS test & trace has identified my child has been in close contact with someone confirmed to have  Covid-19. | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school immediately.  Agree on earliest date for possible return. **Minimum of 14 days.** | …the child has completed **14 days of isolation.** |
| We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine. | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school to inform us.  Whole household to **self-isolate for 14 days.** | …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 immediately.  Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. | …you are informed it is safe to do so. |
| My child’s class or ‘bubble’ is closed due to an Covid-19 outbreak in school. | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Support your child at home with remote education provided by the school.  Your child will need to **isolate for 14 days.** | …you are informed by the school that the bubble will be reopened. |