

COVID-19 related staff/pupil absence
A quick reference guide for parents/staff

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child has Covid-19 symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means they feel hot to touch on chest or back • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything. 	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the WHOLE household while getting the symptomatic person tested. Get a test. INFORM SCHOOL OF THE TEST RESULT	The test comes back negative and if the fever is gone. Children can return with a cough after a negative test as this can last for some time.
My child tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school to inform us. Patient must isolate for 14 days Quarantine the household for 14 days	Can return with a cough after minimum of 14 days as this symptom 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 school absence procedures	For sickness/diarrhoea MUST be clear for 24 hours before returning to school.
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school. Self-isolate the whole household until person with symptoms tests negative.	When person with symptom gets a negative test.
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school. Pupil isolates at home for 14 days.	The child has completed 14 days isolation at home.
NHS test & trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with a confirmed case of Covid-19	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school. Pupil isolates at home for 14 days.	The child has completed 14 days isolation at home.
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	Please do not travel if quarantine requirements will mean a child missing school as an unauthorised absence. Pupil isolates for 14 days from return date.	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. Liaise with school re. home learning.	You are informed that shielding advice has been lifted and your child can return to school
My child's bubble is closed due to a confirmed case of Covid-19 in school.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Support your child at home with remote learning for 14 days. Siblings can come to school if their bubbles remains open. Family members do not need to isolate.	School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened.