

Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (17 January 2022)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school/nursery when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school/nursery - Contact school/nursery to inform us - If other members of the household are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months, they are not required to self-isolate if they are well - Book a test for all members of the household by calling 119 or follow link below https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test - Inform the school/nursery immediately about the test result 	<p>...the PCR test comes back negative AND the child feels well.</p> <p><i>... 5 days of self-isolation has past and following 2 negative LFD (lateral flow device) tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the fifth day.</i></p> <p>AND the child feels well.</p>
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school/nursery. - Contact school/nursery to inform us. - Test and Trace will give a return to school/nursery date. 	<p><i>... 5 days of self-isolation has past and following 2 negative LFD (lateral flow device) tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the fifth day.</i></p> <p>AND the child feels well.</p>
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school/nursery to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...your child is well enough
...my child is ill with symptoms <u>not</u> linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school/nursery. - Contact school/nursery to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. -book a PCR test if child displays 'precautionary symptoms' headaches, aches and pains, feeling tired, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, tummy ache in children 	...48 hours have passed for cold and flu symptoms or 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea or negative PCR test result
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Book a PCR test for members of the household - Contact school/nursery to inform us. - the person must self-isolate -inform school/nursery immediately about test result 	<p>Nursery children can attend if they are well.</p> <p>School age children must take LFD test for 7 days if the household member is positive</p>
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Contact school/nursery to inform us -book PCR for members of the household - If other members of the household are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months, they are not required to self-isolate if they are well 	<p>...the child's PCR test comes back negative AND the child feels well</p> <p>Nursery children can attend if they are well.</p> <p>School age children must take LFD test for 7 days if the household member is positive</p>
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody confirmed with Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Book a PCR test -inform school/nursery immediately about test result. 	<p>...school age children can attend while waiting for the PCR result if they are well</p> <p>...daily LFD test for 7 days has been agreed AND the child feels well.</p>
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book a PCR test for household member -inform school/nursery immediately about test result - if result positive for household member book PCR for child 	...daily LFD test for 7 days has been agreed AND the child feels well.

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... a sibling attending another school/nursery has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school/nursery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - book a PCR test for sibling -inform both school/nursery immediately about test results children who attend our settings can continue to attend if they are well.
... my child has travelled abroad	<p>Follow the links to find out more information https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19#travelling-with-children</p> <p>Check the current Exempt countries and territories list</p>	... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school/nursery. - Contact school/nursery to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school/nursery inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school/nursery again.</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school/nursery.</p>
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school/nursery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school/nursery. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by teacher - Your child will need to self-isolate for 7 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school/nursery. 	...school/nursery inform you that the bubble will be reopened.