

# Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence

## A Quick Reference Guide for Parents

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	Action Needed	When can my child return to school?
<b>My child has Covid-19 symptoms.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact school to inform us</li> <li>Self-isolate the whole household, including siblings</li> <li>Get a test</li> <li>Inform the school immediately about the test result</li> </ul>	If the test comes back negative and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>everyone they live with who has symptoms tests negative</li> <li>everyone in their support bubble who has symptoms tests negative</li> <li>they were not told to self-isolate for 14 days by NHS Test and Trace</li> <li>they feel well – if they feel unwell they should stay at home until they are feeling better</li> <li>or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well. (If they still have a temperature they should continue to isolate)</li> </ul>
<b>My child tests positive for Covid-19.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school.</li> <li>Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).</li> <li>Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell.</li> <li>These symptoms can last for several weeks AND the child feels well.</li> </ul>
<b>My child tests negative.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day).</li> </ul>	If the test comes back negative and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>everyone they live with who has symptoms tests negative</li> <li>everyone in their support bubble who has symptoms tests negative</li> <li>they were not told to self-isolate for 14 days by NHS Test and Trace</li> <li>they feel well – if they feel unwell they should stay at home until they are feeling better</li> </ul>
<b>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school if the child is not well enough.</li> <li>Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>Ring on each day of illness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When the child is well enough to return. For certain absences there are exclusion periods e.g.</li> <li>After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea</li> </ul>
<b>Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school.</li> <li>Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>Self-isolate the whole household.</li> <li>Household member to get a test. Inform school immediately about test result.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The test comes back negative.</li> </ul>
<b>NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school.</li> <li>Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child has completed 14 days of isolation.</li> </ul>
<b>NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The household member must self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>Child can continue to attend school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child can continue to attend school unless they or another member of the household develops symptoms</li> </ul>

<p><b>A sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>• Lutley child(ren) can continue to attend.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child can continue to attend school unless they or another member of the household develops symptoms</li> </ul>
<p><b>My child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.</b></p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school.</li> <li>• Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul> <p>*<a href="#">Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>My child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</b></p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the current <a href="#">Exempt countries and territories list</a> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list.</li> <li>• Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have informed the office of your return to the UK</li> <li>• The office will ask you a few questions about your travel.</li> </ul>
<p><b>I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine but my child did not travel.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school.</li> <li>• The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (please contact school if you need support getting your child to school).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child can continue to attend school</li> </ul>
<p><b>We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not come to school.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us</li> <li>• Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</li> <li>• You receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</li> </ul>
<p><b>My child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child must not come to school.</li> <li>• Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school.</li> <li>• Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>• Other siblings may continue to attend school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</li> </ul>
<p><b>I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>• Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The child has completed 14 days of isolation.</li> </ul>