

Absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child has Covid-19 symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperature • A new persistent cough = three coughing bouts in 24 hours or one bout of longer than an hour • Loss of taste / smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact the school office on our absence line 01746 764072 • Self-isolate the whole household • Get a test • Inform the school immediately about the test result 	The test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well
My child has some other recognised Covid-19 symptoms that I can't account for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sore throat • Fatigue • Diarrhoea • Vomiting / nausea • Headache 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school to discuss the symptoms • School will help you to decide whether or not your child should remain at home 	As decided after discussion or After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact the school office to inform us • Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days) • Self-isolate the whole household 	10 days have passed since the symptoms began AND the child feels well. Please note the loss of taste/ smell can last for several weeks
My child tests negative for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office to inform us • Discuss when your child can return to school – the same day/ following day depending on the time the information is received 	The test comes back negative
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact the school office on our absence line 01746 764072 • Ring on each day of the illness 	When they are well enough to return to school or After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact the school office to inform us • Self-isolate the whole household • Get a test for the household member • Inform the school immediately about the test result 	The test comes back negative and nobody else in the household has symptoms

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Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact the school office to inform us • Self-isolate the whole household • Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days) 	The child has completed 14 days of isolation
NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact the school office to inform us • Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days) 	The child has completed 14 days of isolation
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact the school office to inform us • Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	You receive medical advice that your child may return to school
My child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child must not come to school • Support your child at home with remote education provided by the school • Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days • Follow the "symptoms guidance" if they develop symptoms during the isolation time • Other siblings may continue to attend the school 	The school informs you that the bubble has reopened
I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are unable 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 	The child has completed 14 days of isolation