



Pupil Absence Covid-19 Related – Reference Guide for Parents/Carers – January 2022

This document should be read in conjunction with national guidance for self-isolation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

What to do if	Action required	Return to school when
<p>Your child has any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new continuous cough • A high temperature • A loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not send your child to School • Inform School • Order an immediate PCR test • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and who are over the age of 18 years and 6 months. 	<p>Negative PCR Test Your child can return when they feel well enough</p> <p>Positive PCR Test 5 full days of isolation after the symptoms first began AND your child feels well again. Do a day 5 and morning of day 6 LFD test on your child and if negative both days return to school. If still positive LFD must isolate for longer until can return two consecutive day's negative LFD tests</p>
<p>Your child tests positive for Covid-19 on an LFD (lateral flow device)</p> <p>NB: please note that lateral flow testing is not generally advised for children below secondary school age – this advice is provided as we know that some parents do use them for children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not send your child to school • Register the test following Govt guidelines • Inform the School immediately • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and are over the age of 18 years and 6 months 	<p>Positive LFD Test Serving 5 full days of isolation (after receiving negative tests on Day 5 AND the morning of Day 6 BEFORE attending school). This is a change from the previous rules where members of the community would have to wait until Day 8 (having already tested negative on Day 6 and 7). Please remember that the first day of your self-isolation is counted as Day 0 and not Day 1.</p>
<p>Your child tests positive for Covid-19 on a PCR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not send your child to school • Contact School to inform us • Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days after the test date) • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and who are over the age of 18.5 years 	<p>Positive PCR Test Serving 5 full days of isolation (after receiving negative tests on Day 5 AND the morning of Day 6 BEFORE attending school). This is a change from the previous rules where members of the community would have to wait until Day 8 (having already tested negative on Day 6 and 7). Please remember that the first day of your self-isolation is counted as Day 0 and not Day 1.</p>
<p>Someone in the household has Covid-19 symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 on an LFD or PCR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow Govt guidelines • Contact School to inform us • Your child should have a PCR* if they have symptoms and are a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19. • If your child or other householders 	<p>The Government advises children should continue to attend school providing they have no symptoms themselves. As a precautionary measure, the school requests parents obtain PCR tests for children aged 4 years and above.</p>

	have no symptoms do an LFD test as government require.	Siblings of children who test positive on a PCR should do a LFD test, if the test is negative they may return to school provided they are well.
NHS Test and Trace has identified your child or a household member as a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Test and Trace will give instructions • Contact School to inform us • Your child should have a PCR* if they are a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19 and have developed symptoms 	Child can continue to attend school providing they have no symptoms themselves and have received a negative LFD test. (Monitor them closely for any symptoms – as above).
Any other sickness/illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow Attendance Policy guidance 	As per attendance policy.

* Follow Government guidelines regarding ordering a PCR or LFD test based on your child's age