







Coronavirus (COVID-19) Absence

A quick guide for parents/carers

WHAT TO DO IF ...	ACTION NEEDED ...	BACK TO SCHOOL ...
 <p>My child has COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must not go to school • Child must get a test • Everyone who lives in the house must self-isolate until you get the test result • Tell school immediately about the test result 	<p>If child's test is negative and when they have been symptom free for 48 hours</p>
 <p>My child tests positive for COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must not go to school • Child must self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from the day of test if no symptoms) • Tell school immediately about the test result • Whole household must self-isolate for 14 days from start of symptoms (or from the day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>When the child has completed 10 days of isolation, even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection has gone</p>
 <p>My child is sent home because they are a close contact of a person who has tested positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must not go to school • Child must self-isolate for 14 days – even if they test negative during the 14 days • Everyone else in the house does not need to isolate, unless the child starts to display symptoms, or they are a close contact of someone with a positive result 	<p>When the school says it is ok for them to return, usually when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>
 <p>A person who I live with has COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child/children must not attend school • The person with symptoms must get a test • Everyone who lives in the house must self-isolate until they get their test result • Tell school immediately about the test result 	<p>If the person's test is negative and if the child does not have any symptoms</p>
 <p>A person who I live with has tested positive for COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must not go to school • Everyone in the house must self-isolate for 14 days from start of symptoms (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if somebody tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>When child has completed 14 days of isolation</p>
 <p>I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms should get a test (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss or change to sense of smell or taste) • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive 	

Self-isolation is helping to stop the spread of the virus. It means you should not leave your house (unless going for a test) and you must not have visitors in your home.