## **COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ABSENCE: A quick guide for parents/carers**



Wł	nat to do if	Action needed	Return to school when
0, 19, 70 0, 1, 0 0, 0 1, 0 0, 0 1, 0 0, 0 1, 0 0, 0 1, 0 0, 0 1, 0 0, 0 0	my child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul> <li>✗ Do not come to school</li> <li>✓ Contact school</li> <li>✓ Self-isolate</li> <li>✓ Get a test</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	the test comes back <b>negative</b>
Î	my child tests <b>positive</b> for coronavirus	<ul> <li>✗ Do not come to school</li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
	somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	<ul> <li>✗ Do not come to school</li> <li>✓ Contact school</li> <li>✓ Self-isolate</li> <li>✓ Household member to get a test</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	the household member test is <b>negative</b>
	somebody in my household has tested <b>positive</b> for coronavirus	<ul> <li>✗ Do not come to school</li> <li>✓ Contact school</li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
	NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul> <li><b>X</b> Do not come to school</li> <li><b>X</b> Contact school</li> <li><b>X</b> Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
- Th	we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul> <li>Term time holidays, including absence as a result of needing to quarantine, are unauthorised.</li> <li>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</li> <li>✗ Do not come to school</li> <li>✓ Contact school</li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for 14 days - even if a test is negative</li> </ul>	the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
	we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul> <li>✗ Do not come to school</li> <li>✓ Contact school</li> <li>✓ Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
S	l am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)	<ul> <li>Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>	when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

\* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.

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