



Covid-19 related pupil absence

Reference guide for parents/carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when
<p>My child has Covid-19 symptoms including any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new continuous cough • A high temperature • A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to inform us • Order an immediate confirmatory PCR test • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and are over the age of 18 years and 6 months 	<p>The PCR test comes back negative, and your child feels well enough to return to school.</p> <p>OR:</p> <p>The PCR test comes back POSITIVE: once 10 days have passed following the date on which symptoms first began, AND your child feels well again.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19 on an LFD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to inform us • Order an immediate confirmatory PCR test • Inform the school immediately about the PCR test result 0191 917 8545 • 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>The confirmatory PCR test comes back NEGATIVE, and your child feels well.</p> <p>OR:</p> <p>The PCR test comes back POSITIVE: 10 days have passed following the date of the first LFD test (or following the date that symptoms began if they were symptomatic prior to taking the LFD test) AND your child feels well.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19 on a PCR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to inform us • Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days following the test date) • 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>10 days have passed following the date of the PCR test (or following the date that symptoms began, if they were symptomatic prior to taking the PCR test), AND your child feels well.</p>
<p>My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19 but could be contagious (i.e., sickness, diarrhoea) or is too ill to come to school</p>	<p>Do not come to school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us • Ring on each day of illness 	<p>After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy) or when feeling well if not sickness related.</p>
<p>Someone in my household has Covid19 symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 on an LFD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household member to self-isolate and 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>Child can continue to attend school.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19 on a PCR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household member to self-isolate • 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>Child can continue to attend school.</p>
<p>NHS Track and Trace has identified a household member/s as a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19</p>	<p>The household member/s must self-isolate as instructed from NHS Track and Trace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child can continue to attend school 	<p>Child can continue to attend school.</p>