










## COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ABSENCE: quick guide for parents and carers

What if...	Action to take	Return to school when...
 <p>...my child has coronavirus symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></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>
 <p>...my child tests <b>positive</b> for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></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.
 <p>...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></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>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested <b>positive</b> for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
 <p>...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
 <p>...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<p>Term time holidays, including absence as a result of needing to quarantine, are <b>unauthorised</b>.</p> <p><i>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ Household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative in those 14 days</li> </ul>	...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
 <p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	...school or other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
 <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Only people with symptoms* should get a test</b></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 the following: a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.