



## Covid-19 Related Absence Frequently Asked Questions - September 2020

What should I do if...?	Action required	When can I return to school?
<i>My child has Covid19 symptoms</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child must stay at home and self-isolate (along with the rest of the household)</li> <li>Contact school to inform us</li> <li><u>Book a test</u></li> </ul>	Once you have received a negative test result or 10 days after the symptoms first started.
<i>My child tests positive for Covid19</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child must stay at home and self-isolate (along with the rest of the household)</li> <li>Contact school immediately to inform us of the result</li> </ul>	Ten days after the symptoms first started.
<i>My child tests negative</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inform school immediately and agree when your child will return i.e. will they be returning that day or the next day</li> </ul>	Once agreed with school, your child can come back straight away.
<i>My child is poorly with symptoms not linked with Covid19</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow the school absence procedure</li> <li>Let school know as soon as possible</li> </ul>	Once the child feels better. With sickness/ diarrhoea, 48 hours after the last episode.
<i>Someone you live with has Covid19 symptoms</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The whole household must self- isolate.</li> <li>The person with the symptoms should book a test straight away.</li> <li>Once you have received the results, notify the school straight away.</li> </ul>	Once the member of the household receives a negative test result If the member of the household tests positive, you must remain at home and self-isolate for 14 days.



<i>Someone you live with has tested positive to Covid19</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child must stay at home and self-isolate (along with the rest of the household)</li> </ul>	Once 14 days of self-isolation have lapsed.
<i>NHS test and trace have identified my child as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid19</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your child must self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>You must notify school immediately to inform us.</li> </ul>	Once 14 days of self-isolation have lapsed.
<i>NHS test and trace have identified someone you live with as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid19</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The person who has been in close contact must self-isolate</li> </ul>	Your child can come to school if they do not display any symptoms.
<i>A sibling has been sent home to self-isolate due to a positive case in their school</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The sibling must self-isolate</li> </ul>	Your child can come to school if they do not display any symptoms.

**A reminder of the main symptoms:**

- A high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – coughing either a lot more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to your sense of taste and smell

**Most people have at least one of the symptoms above**

As the guidance is constantly changing, please continue to check NHS Covid19 symptoms page for more information. Here is a link to the website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>