**COVID-19 related pupil absence**

**A quick reference guide for parents**

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| **What to do if…..** | **Action Needed** | **Return to school**  **when……** |
| My child has COVIC-19 symptoms:   * **HIGH TEMPERATURE**- this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back. * **A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH** this means coughing a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs. * **A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE** this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything. | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school to inform us.  Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.  Get a test.  **INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT** | ………The test comes back negative. |
| My Child tests positive for COVID-19… | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school to inform us.  Agree an earliest date for possible return Minimum of 10 days.  Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.  Bubble isolate / remote learning. | …..They feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks. |
| My Child tests negative. | **CONTACT THE SCHOOL**  Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day) | ….The test comes back negative. |
| My Child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19. | **FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE** | After 48 hrs following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence. |
| Someone in my household has  COVID-19 symptoms. | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school.  Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days.  Household member to get tested.  **INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT** | ….The test comes back negative. |
| Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19 | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  Contact school.  Agree an earliest date for possible return Minimum of 14 days. | ….The child has completed 14 days of isolation. |
| NHS test & trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed COVID-19 | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  **CONTACT SCHOOL.**  Agree an earliest date for possible return Minimum of 14 days. | ….The child has completed 14 days of isolation. |
| We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine. | Do not take unauthorised leave in term time.  Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel.  Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed.  Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 14 days from return date.  Self-isolate the whole household. | ….The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed. |
| We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding. | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  **CONTACT SCHOOL.**  Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. | …..School inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school. |
| My child’s bubble is closed due to COVID-19 outbreak in school. | **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**  At home support your child with remote education provided by school.  Your child will need to isolate for 14 days. | …..School will inform you when the bubble will be reopened. |