

Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (March 2021)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not allow your child to come to school; - Contact school to inform us; - Self-isolate the whole household; - Get a PCR test as soon as possible; - Inform the school immediately about the test result. 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 whole days have passed since the day after symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not allow your child come to school; - Self-isolate the whole household; - Contact school to inform us; - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 whole days after symptoms started or a positive test result was received); - If the positive test was an LFT test done at home, arrange for a PCR test to be completed; - If your child tests positive but is asymptomatic, but goes on to develop symptoms within their 10 day isolation, they must start the 10 days isolation again from the day after their symptoms begin. 	<p>...if symptomatic - 10 whole days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell; <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks)</i> AND the child feels well.</p> <p>...if asymptomatic – 10 whole days after they receive their positive test result, unless they develop symptoms within that 10 days (then they return 10 days after the day their symptoms begin).</p>
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us; - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not allow your child to come to school; - Contact school to inform us; - Self-isolate the whole household; - Household member with symptoms to test; - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...10 whole days from the onset of the household member's symptoms, OR the household member's test comes back negative. (Unless the child develops symptoms themselves)
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<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 whole days from the day after symptoms start or a positive test result); - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 10 whole days of isolation.
...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<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 full days). 	...the child has completed 10 full days of isolation and has not developed symptoms.
...NHS Test and Trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 10 full days; - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school.
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 10 full days. - King Edward VI child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child can continue to attend school.
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow the step in the following documents: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-quarantine-when-you-arrive-in-england Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information 	...the quarantine & testing period has been completed as per the government requirements.

... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	- Follow the step in the following documents: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-quarantine-when-you-arrive-in-england Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information	...the quarantine & testing period has been completed as per the government requirements.
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	- Follow the step in the following documents: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-quarantine-when-you-arrive-in-england Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information	...dependent on government requirements once the travel restrictions have changed for England.
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	- Do not come to school; - Contact school to inform us; - 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 again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	- Child must not come to school; - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school; - Your child will need to self-isolate for 10 full days; - Other siblings may continue to attend school, unless your isolating child develops symptoms.	...school will provide the date on which your child may return.
... I am unable to get a test for my child.	<i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days from the day after the first day of symptoms. Other household members must also self-isolate for 10 full days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i>	...the child has completed 10 full days of isolation. ...other siblings have completed their 10 full days isolation and haven't developed symptoms.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone else in the household with must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days from the day after symptoms first began. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i>	...the child has completed 10 full days of isolation.

Please note:

- The LFT programme does not remove the requirement for self-isolation/household isolation, even if the individual has received a negative LFT result;
- The LFT programme is not to be used if an individual has symptoms - if your child has Coronavirus symptoms, they must stay at home and you should try to arrange for them to have a PCR test.

Please refer to the following links for the most up-to-date information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please contact the school on 01785 258546 or email office@kevi.org.uk if you have any further questions.