COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence:

A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if…	Action needed	Back to school…
…my child has COVID19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	• Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results	**…when child's test comes back negative**
…my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	• Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone tests negative during those 14 days	**…when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours** 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.
…somebody in my household has COVID19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	• Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results	**…when household member test is negative, and child does not have Covid-19 symptoms***
…somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	• Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) *even if someone tests negative during those 14 day days*	**…when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days**
…NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)	• Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not	**…when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days**

	need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too	
…we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	• Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy **Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:** • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days	**…when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days**
…we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	• Child shouldn't attend school • Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again	**…when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again**
….I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)	• Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive	**…when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met**