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Dear Parents/carers,

Thank you for your continued support in contacting the school to report your children's absences.

At the moment, we know that there are specific reasons related to the Coronavirus which may mean that your child cannot attend school.

In the attached table, you will find some of the questions you have been asking us about when your child should or shouldn't attend school. Based on the current government guidance, we have provided information on the actions that parents should take and, if your child needs to stay at home from school, information as to when they should return.

The NHS has also produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please rest assured, if we are notified of a positive case of Coronavirus in the school community, senior leaders will take advice from the Local Health Protection Team as quickly as possible. We will follow their advice and carry out a full risk assessment of the situation. In the eventuality that any kind of school closure has to take place – partial or full – we will communicate the next steps to as quickly as we are able to.

We hope that the information we have provided is useful to you,

Yours sincerely,

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Head of School.

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Covid-19 Related Absence From School: A Guide For Parents

What to do if...	Action needed	Return
<p>My child has one or more Covid-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGH TEMPERATURE – <i>this means any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)</i> • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – <i>this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hrs</i> • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – <i>a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL • Everybody in the household must isolate whilst arranging for a test for the symptomatic person. <i>Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they have any of the three symptoms listed above.</i> • Contact school to inform us of the situation. • Arrange for a test and inform school of the result. 	<p>If the child’s test result comes back NEGATIVE, the child (and any siblings) may return to school.</p> <p>If the child’s test result comes back POSITIVE, the child is unable to return to school and should follow the <i>“My child tests positive for Covid-19”</i> set out below.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid- 19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL • Child must self-isolate at home the for at least 10 days from when their symptoms started. <i>If your child is not experiencing symptoms but has tested positive for COVID-19, self-isolate for at least 10 days, starting from the day the test was taken. If you develop symptoms during this isolation period, restart your 10-day isolation from the day you developed symptoms.</i> • Everybody else in the household must isolate at home for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the household became ill or if they do not have symptoms, from the day their test was taken. <i>Members of the household should only get a test if they subsequently develop coronavirus symptoms.</i> • Contact school to inform us of the situation. 	<p>Your child is able to return to school after a minimum period of 10-day isolation and if they no longer have a temperature and feel better.</p> <p><i>Your child can return to school with a cough and/or loss of sense of taste or smell as long as long as they have isolated at home for a minimum period of 10 days and feel better as these symptoms can last for several weeks even after the infection has gone. However, if after 10 days, your child still has a temperature they should continue to self-isolate at home and seek medical advice.</i></p> <p>If after the 10-day isolation period, your child feels better but as household you have to isolate for 14 days they possibly can’t return until someone is able to bring them. If this is the case you must contact school to inform us of the situation.</p>
<p>My child tests negative for COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school to inform us of the result and to discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day). 	<p>Your child (and any siblings) is able to return to school.</p>

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<p>My child is ill with symptoms <i>not</i> linked to Covid-19</p> <p><i>For example if children have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell BUT DO NOT have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call school to report your child’s absence in the usual way. 	<p>Your child should return to school when they are well enough to do so.</p> <p>Please Remember, for sickness/diarrhoea your child <u>MUST</u> be clear for 48 hours before returning to school.</p>
<p>Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL • Everybody in the household must isolate at home whilst arranging for a test for the symptomatic person. Only the person with symptoms should get a test. <i>You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above.</i> • Contact school to inform us of the situation. • Arrange for a test and inform school of the result. 	<p>If the household members test result comes back NEGATIVE, the child (and any siblings) may return to school.</p> <p>If the household members test result comes back POSITIVE, the rest of the household should isolate for 14 days and only return to school after this period of isolation as long as they do not begin to exhibit any Covid-19 symptoms.</p> <p>If at any point during the 14- day quarantine period, the child exhibits any of the Covid-19 symptoms the child is unable to return to school and they must follow the “My child has one or more Covid-19 symptoms” guidance above. <i>Please note they must stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear, regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period.</i></p>
<p>NHS test & trace has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with a confirmed case of Covid-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL • Your child must isolate at home for 14 days. <i>The child should only get a test if they subsequently develop coronavirus symptoms.</i> • Contact school to inform us of the situation. 	<p>Your child is able to return to school once they have completed the 14-day isolation period at home as long as they do not begin to exhibit any Covid-19 symptoms.</p> <p>If at any point during the 14-day quarantine period the child exhibits any of the Covid-19 symptoms the child is unable to return to school and they must follow the “My child has one or more Covid-19 symptoms” guidance above. <i>Please note they must stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear, regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period.</i></p>

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<p>We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL • You and/or your child must isolate at home for 14 days from the date you returned to UK. <p><i>The child should only get a test if they subsequently develop coronavirus symptoms.</i></p>	<p>The child is able to return to school at the end of the 14-day quarantine period as long as they do not begin to exhibit any Covid-19 symptoms.</p> <p>If at any point during the 14-day quarantine period, the child exhibits any of the Covid-19 symptoms the child is unable to return to school and they must follow the “My child has one or more Covid-19 symptoms” guidance above. <i>Please note they must stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear, regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period.</i></p> <p>If at any point during the 14- day quarantine period a member of the household exhibits any of the Covid-19 symptoms the child is unable to return to school and they must follow the “Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms” guidance above.</p>