Coronavirus-related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for Solent Academies Trust Schools - September 2020

What to do if….	Action Needed	Return to school when….
A child has coronavirus symptoms: i.e. high temperature, continuous cough, or loss of taste and smell	• **Do not come to school** • Inform the school • Self-isolate the whole household • Get a test • Inform the school immediately about the test result • Visit the NHS website for more information	…the test comes back negative, or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well
A child tests positive for coronavirus	• **Do not come to school** • Inform the school • Agree an earliest date for possible return (10 days min) • Self-isolate the whole household and follow self-isolation guidelines	… 10 days have passed since symptoms began (even if they still have aa cough or loss of taste/smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks), and the child feels well
A child tests negative	• Inform the school • Discuss when the child can come back (same day/next day)	… the test comes back negative
A child is ill with symptoms not linked to coronavirus: e.g. sore throat, earache, stomach ache, runny nose, skin rashes or norovirus with vomiting and diarrhoea	• Check online health condition advice – is my child too ill to go to school • Refer to the school's attendance policy	… when it is safe to do so in line with medical advice via is my child too ill to go to school and the school's attendance policy
Someone in a household has coronavirus symptoms	• **Do not come to school** • Inform the school • Self-isolate the whole household • Household member to get a test • Inform school immediately about test result • Visit the NHS website for more information	… the test comes back negative or after the correct period of isolation
Someone in a household tests positive for coronavirus	• **Do not come to school** • Inform the school • Agree an earliest date for return (14 days min)	… the child has completed 14 days of isolation

	Self-isolate the whole household and follow self-isolation guidelines	
NHS Test and Trace has identified a child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	• **Do not come to school** • Inform the school • Agree an earliest date for possible return (14 days min) • Visit NHS Test and Trace page for more information	… the child has completed 14 days of isolation
NHS Test and Trace has identified a household member (other than a child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	• The household member must self-isolate for 14 days • Child can continue to attend school • Visit NHS Test and Trace page for more information	… 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	• Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days and follow self-isolation guidelines • Child/ren at your school can continue to attend	… child can continue to attend school
A child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is not on the exempt list of countries	If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed* • Minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled • Inform the school and agree an earliest date for possible return to school • Self-isolate the whole household Foreign, commonwealth & Development Office FCDO for up to date travel information	… the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
A child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is on the exempt list of countries	If returning from a destination where quarantine is not needed: • Check the current exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country is on the exempt list • Inform the school on return to the UK and agree a return date	… school is happy that the country is on the exempt list and there are no symptoms of coronavirus
A household member has travelled from a country that requires quarantine (but child didn't travel)	• As long as the household member has not had symptoms in the last 14 days, the child can continue to attend school • The person who has travelled must not leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs • Follow the guidelines for travelling into the UK	… child can continue to attend school

Family has received medical advice that a child must resume shielding	• **Do not come to school** • Inform the school • Shield until restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again	… restrictions have been lifted or medical advice has been received that the child may return to school
A child's bubble is closed due to a coronavirus outbreak in school	• **Do not come to school** • That child will need to self-isolate for 14 days and follow self-isolation guidelines • Other siblings may continue to attend school	… once the bubble is reopened
I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms: • **Do not come to school** • The child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days • Anyone in the support bubble must also stay at home	… the child has completed 14 days of isolation

The latest NHS information and advice about coronavirus can be found on the NHS Website

More information on actions for schools can be found on the Government Website

Information for families, as well as details on where to go for further advice and support, can be found from the following:

Portsmouth City Council - https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/coronavirus-covid-19/schools-and-families-coronavirus-information/

West Sussex County Council COVID-19- https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/business-and-consumers/information-for-childcare-providers/information-for-west-sussex-childcare-providers-during-covid-19/

West Sussex County Council, schools and education: - https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-information/coronavirus-schools-and-education/