Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence
A quick reference guide

What to do if…	Action Needed	Return to school when…
My child has Covid-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 24 hours • **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 (including siblings at school) for 14 days ➢ Get a test ➢ **INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULT**	…the test result 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** (including siblings at school) - use Google Classroom if well enough	…**after 10 days** if they feel better. They can return even if they have a cough or loss of taste or smell as these symptoms can last for 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 routines.	After 48 hours if sickness/diarrhoea…
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	**DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL** ➢ CONTACT SCHOOL ➢ Agree an earliest date for possible return - **minimum 14 days** unless symptoms develop ➢ Use Google Classroom	…the child has completed **14 days of isolation.**
NHS Test & Trace has identified my child has been in close contact with 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** ➢ Use Google Classroom	…the child has completed **14 days of isolation.**
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.	➢ CONTACT SCHOOL ➢ Agree an earliest date for possible return. **Minimum of 14 days from return date**. Self-isolate the whole household. ➢ Use Google Classroom	…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. ➢ Use Google Classroom	…school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school.
My child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak at school.	➢ **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL** ➢ At home support your child with remote education provided by school. ➢ Your child (but not the rest of the household) will need to **isolate for 14 days.**	…school inform you when the bubble will be reopened.