

Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide - September 2020

	Scenario	Action required
1	My child has one or more COVID-19 symptoms: • High temperature • New continuous Cough • Loss or change to sense of smell or taste	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Ring school immediately. Book a test https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/ Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.
2	The test result is negative	Ring school immediately. If well enough, your child can return to school on the following day (or the same day if possible).
3	The test result is positive	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Everyone in your household must self-isolate for 14 days. The person who has a positive test must self-isolate for 10 days or until they are well (we will authorise 14 days self-isolation absence as we understand the practical difficulties in getting your children to school if you are self-isolating for 14 days)
4	My child is unwell with non COVID-19 related symptoms	Follow the usual school absence procedures.
5	Someone in my household has COVID symptoms	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Ring school immediately. Book a test https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/ Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.
6	Someone in my household has tested positive for COVID-19	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Ring school immediately. Self-isolate everyone in your household for 14 days. The person who has tested positive must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

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7	NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or I know that my child has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19	Ring school immediately. Your child will have to self-isolate for 14 days. Other members of your household do not need to self-isolate. If your child develops symptoms in the self-isolation period, follow the advice for scenario 1. If another member of the household develops symptoms, follow the advice for scenario 5.
8	We are returning from travel to a country where a period of quarantine is necessary.	Follow advice regarding the need to quarantine https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and how to quarantine https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk Ring school immediately so that we are aware and so that we can agree a return to school date.
9	We have received medical advice that my child needs to resume shielding	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Ring school immediately. Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.
10	My child's school bubble has been told to self-isolate.	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL School will contact you to share the advice from Public Health England and to inform you of a return to school date and arrangements for remote learning.
11	My child gets a positive COVID-19 test result over the weekend	Please email school and inform us that your child has received a positive test result as soon as possible by emailing: admin@southgosforth.newcastle.sch.uk We will then send out an email to all of the children and staff who have come in to contact with your child in their 'bubble group' and inform them that they must self-isolate for 14 days. The child who has a positive test result must self-isolate for 10 days or until they are well (we will authorise 14 days self-isolation absence as we understand the practical difficulties in getting your children to school if you are self-isolating for 14 days) We would urge our families to check their emails very regularly (first thing on a morning and on an evening) in case a child has received a positive test result late on in the day (particularly on a Sunday) and we have to send out an email informing our families to not come in to school late at night.