



COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ABSENCE

A QUICK GUIDE FOR PARENTS / CARERS (CHILD REFERS UP TO THE AGE OF 18)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Back to College
My child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend college • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test results • Inform the college immediately about test results 	When child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours
My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend college • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms' started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform college 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 	<p>When child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to college 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.</p>
Somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend college • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform college 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend college • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms' started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if somebody tests negative during those 14 days 	When child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days
<p>Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/</p>		
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend college • 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 need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days

<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 take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements for FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to college as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a designation where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend college • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days - even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
<p>We have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend college • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>When college / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to college again</p>
<p>I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>When conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>