COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ABSENCE:
A quick guide for parents/carers

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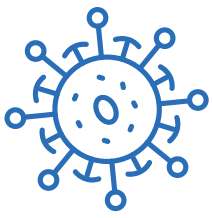
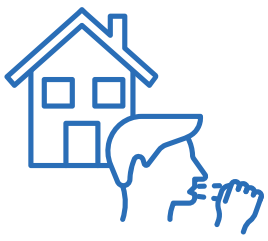
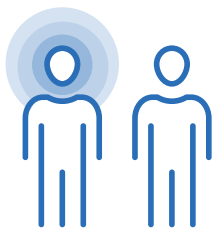
What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
 ...my child has coronavirus symptoms	✘ **Do not come to school** ✔ **Contact school** ✔ Self-isolate ✔ Get a test ✔ Inform school immediately about test result	...the test comes back **negative**
...my child tests **positive** for coronavirus	✘ **Do not come to school** ✔ Self-isolate for at least 10 days ✔ Inform school immediately about test result	...they feel better. They can return to school 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.
 ...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	✘ **Do not come to school** ✔ **Contact school** ✔ Self-isolate ✔ Household member to get a test ✔ Inform school immediately about test result	...the household member test is **negative**
...somebody in my household has tested **positive** for coronavirus	✘ **Do not come to school** ✔ **Contact school** ✔ Self-isolate for 14 days	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
 ...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	✘ **Do not come to school** ✘ **Contact school** ✘ Self-isolate for 14 days	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	Term time holidays, including absence as a result of needing to quarantine, are unauthorised. **Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:** ✘ **Do not come to school** ✔ **Contact school** ✔ Self-isolate for 14 days - even if a test is negative	...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	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)	✘ 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	...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

* 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.

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