







Coronavirus (COVID-19) Absence

A quick guide for parents/carers

WHAT TO DO IF ...	ACTION NEEDED ...	BACK TO SCHOOL ...
 <p>My child has COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must not go to childcare and education settings Child must get a PCR test - do not use lateral flow tests if you have symptoms Everyone who lives in the house must self-isolate until you get the test result 	<p>If child's test is negative and when they have been symptom free for 48 hours</p>
 <p>My child is using lateral flow devices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child tests positive after a home test or at a testing site, they will need to get a PCR test to confirm the result Child must not go to childcare and education settings until you get the PCR result Inform the childcare or education setting as soon as you can so they can start contact tracing 	<p>If the PCR test is negative they can return If the PCR test is positive they need to self-isolate (see below)</p>
 <p>My child tests positive after a PCR test</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must not go to childcare and education settings Child must self-isolate, this includes the day the symptoms started (or the day they had the test, if they do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days Whole household must self-isolate – even if someone tests negative during those 10 days 	<p>When the child has completed isolation, even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste.</p>
 <p>My child is sent home because they are a close contact of a person who has tested positive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must not go to childcare and education settings Child must self-isolate for 10 days – even if they test negative during the 10 days Everyone else in the house does not need to isolate, unless the child starts to display symptoms, or they are a close contact of someone with a positive result 	<p>When the childcare and education settings say it is ok for them to return</p>
 <p>A person who I live with has COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child/children must not attend childcare and education settings The person with symptoms must get a PCR test - do not use lateral flow tests if you have symptoms Everyone who lives in the house must self-isolate until they get their test result 	<p>If the persons test is negative and if the child does not have any symptoms</p>
 <p>A person who I live with has tested positive for COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must not go to childcare and education settings Everyone in the house must self-isolate for 10 days - even if somebody tests negative during those 10 days 	<p>When child has completed isolation</p>

Self-isolation is helping to stop the spread of the virus. It means you should not leave your house (unless going for a test) and you must not have visitors in your home.