



Dear Parent/Guardian,
Assalaamu Alaikum - May Peace Be Upon You

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I hope that you and your family are safe and well.

I am writing to you because a someone in your child's year group has tested positive for COVID-19. The person who tested positive is currently isolating in line with guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

All children will continue to attend school as normal unless they develop symptoms of COVID-19 (a new, persistent cough, high temperature or a change or loss of smell or taste) or test positive.

Close contacts

NHS Test and Trace is responsible for contact tracing. If your child is contacted by NHS Test and Trace, they will be advised to take daily lateral flow tests in the morning before they leave the house for 7 days. They **do not need to isolate (as long as they have no symptoms and do not test positive)**.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (a new, persistent cough, high temperature or a change or loss of smell or taste), they must:

- Stay at home and self-isolate.
- Book a PCR test immediately (not an LFD test).
- Inform the school that your child has symptoms and inform us when you receive the test result.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please inform the school immediately and follow the government's self-isolation guidance:

[Self-isolation and treating coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)

[Stay at home guidance](#)

Twice weekly testing

Your child should continue to take regular tests twice a week at home.

Quick guide for parents

Please see below the 'COVID-19 absence: a quick guide for parents' for a summary of the current guidance.

Further information

Further information on COVID-19 is available at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

We really appreciate your support with this.

If you have any concerns or queries, or need support in any way, please contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

Sajid Khaliq
Principal



COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ABSENCE: A QUICK GUIDE FOR PARENTS / CARERS



	WHAT TO DO IF...	ACTION NEEDED	BACK TO SCHOOL...
	...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should not attend school Child should self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test (not a LFD test) Inform school immediately about test result Access online learning if well enough to do so 	...if child's test comes back negative (as long as they feel well, do not have a high temperature and no sickness or diarrhoea for 48 hours)
	...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus) on LFD or PCR test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should not attend school Inform school immediately about test result Child self-isolates for 10 days, including the day symptoms* started and the next 10 full days (or from day of test if no symptoms). From day 5 after the start of symptoms (or day of positive test), child can take an LFD test and another LFD test 24 hours later on day 6. If both test results are negative, and child does not have a temperature, isolation may end immediately on day 6. If the tests are completed before school, child can return to school on day 6 after two consecutive negative LFD test results. If the day 5 test is positive, child can take two further tests on subsequent days, and, as long as they don't have a high temperature, they can stop isolating once they have had two negative results, 24 hours apart For the household members, see '...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19' Access online learning if well enough to do so 	<p>...child can return to school after 10 days as long as they feel well and do not have a high temperature</p> <p>or</p> <p>...child can return from day 6 onwards if they have two negative LFD tests 24 hours apart, feel well and do not have a high temperature (first test can be taken on day 5 at the earliest)</p> <p>They can return to school 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"> Person with symptoms isolates immediately and must get a PCR test Advisable for all household members to take daily LFD tests 	...child can attend school as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms* and have not tested positive
	...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person who has tested positive self-isolates for 10 days including the day symptoms* started. This person can stop self-isolating from day 6 onwards if they have two negative LFD test results at least 24 hours apart on days 5 and 6, and they do not have a temperature Household members who are not exempt** from self-isolation must isolate for 10 days Exempt** household members are strongly advised to take a daily LFD test for 7 days and can continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result 	<p>...child can attend school as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms* and have not tested positive</p> <p>Children aged 5 to 18 are strongly advised to take daily LFD tests for 7 days before leaving the house in the morning.</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/>

** You are exempt if you are aged under 18 (regardless of vaccination status) or an adult who is fully vaccinated (and 14 days have passed since receiving the full recommended dose) or not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons or taking part in a covid-19 vaccine trial.





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	...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus) who does not live with us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child can continue to attend school as normal, unless they develop symptoms or have a positive test result Children aged 5 to 18 are strongly advised to take daily LFD tests for 7 days before leaving the house in the morning Children should consider limiting contact with people who are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are also a close contact of the same individual and are not exempt** from self-isolation 	...child can attend school as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms* and have not tested positive
	...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy Depending on where you are travelling to and from, there may be a requirement for you and your child to isolate and/or test <p>For the latest full guidance on travel advice, please click on the relevant link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelling abroad from England Returning to England from abroad 	<p>...when the child has received a negative test result on their return to England.</p> <p>If the test result is positive, see '...my child tests positive for COVID-19'.</p> <p>If the child has not travelled they can continue to attend school even if a household member is required to quarantine.</p>
	...my child was shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shielding has been paused. All children have been removed from the shielding list and are advised to follow the same guidance as everyone else, unless they have received specific advice from their consultant/ medical professional 	...child should attend school unless advised otherwise by their consultant/medical professional and the information has been shared with the school
	...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary school children without symptoms are advised to take regular twice weekly LFD tests at home People with symptoms* need to take a PCR test immediately People without symptoms who are not exempt** from self-isolation and have been in close contact with a confirmed case need to take a PCR test People without symptoms who are exempt** from self-isolation and have been in close contact with a confirmed case are strongly advised to take daily LFD tests for 7 days 	...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

For further information:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19



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