



Covid-19 Related Pupil Absence – Reference Guide for Parents/Carers – Update 25th Feb 2022 This document has been produced to help parents/carers access information quickly, but should be read in conjunction with national guidance:

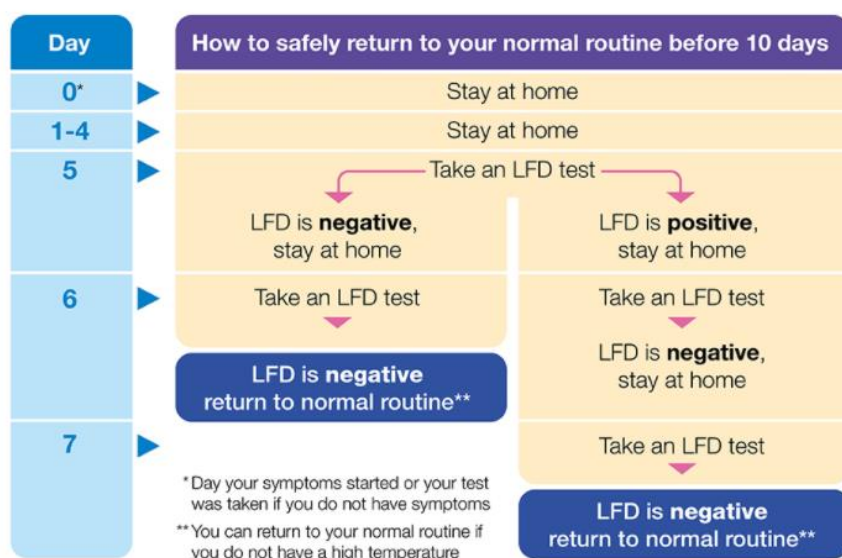
Government Guidance for those with Covid and their contacts

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child has Covid-19 symptoms including any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A new continuous cough• A high temperature• A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not send your child to school• Inform the school• Order a PCR test	<p>The PCR test comes back negative, and your child feels well enough to return to school.</p> <p>OR:</p> <p>The PCR test comes back POSITIVE: return after 10 days following the date on which symptoms first began, AND your child feels well again. At parents' discretion, this period can be reduced to 5 full days so that the child may return on day 6 provided they take two lateral flow tests, 24hrs apart, which are both negative AND your child feels well/has no temperature. The first LFD test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period. If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to stay at home until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days (24hrs apart) or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.</p>
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Household member with symptoms is advised to stay at home and order a PCR test	<p>Child should continue to attend school providing they have no symptoms themselves.</p> <p>(Monitor your child for any symptoms – please note that children with Covid-19 may display mild symptoms such as a headache/runny nose/sore throat/sneezing/tummy ache/nausea).</p>
My child tests positive for Covid-19 on an LFD (lateral flow device) or PCR test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not send your child to school• If positive test was with an LFD, report the positive result : https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result• Inform the school, including the earliest date of return• Check government guidance above for the recommendations for household members on minimising the risks	<p>Return after 10 days have passed following the date of the first positive Covid test (or following the date that symptoms began if they were symptomatic prior to taking the test) AND your child feels well.</p> <p>At parents' discretion, this period can be reduced to 5 full days so that the child may return on day 6 provided they take two lateral flow tests, 24hrs apart, which are both negative AND your child feels well/has no temperature. The first LFD test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period. If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to stay at home until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days (24hrs apart) or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.</p>
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19 on an LFD or a PCR test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Household member is advised to stay at home and follow government guidance.	<p>Child may attend school, providing they are well.</p> <p>Please monitor your child for any symptoms including headache/runny nose/sore throat/sneezing/tummy ache/nausea. Consider the use of LFD testing, if you</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the school that your child is a close contact of a positive case. 	have them available, particularly if your child starts to feel under the weather. If they develop symptoms, keep them at home and follow advice below.
What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child is ill with cold-like symptoms: for example, headache, runny nose, sore throat etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them at home and inform the school. • Monitor your child carefully for symptoms. If they have a temperature, a cough develops or their sense of taste/smell changes, they must stay at home and take a PCR test. • If they are well enough for school, and symptoms are not getting worse, consider use of LFDs as a precaution before they return to normal activities. 	<p>Child may attend school once they are feeling well. However, parents may want to consider the use of LFDs as a precaution, if they have them available, particularly if the child has been a known close contact of a positive Covid case.</p> <p>Please note that if a child develops a new cough or has a high temperature at school, they will be sent home to self-isolate for 10 days OR until they receive a negative PCR result.</p>
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19 but could be contagious (for example sickness, diarrhoea) or is too ill to come to school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to inform us on the first day by phone or via StudyBugs • Keep us updated regarding the absence. 	After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy) or when feeling well if not sickness related.

Flow Chart from government website – how to safely return to normal routines following a positive Covid test:

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results.