# Covid-19 Absence Guide – School Children

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| **What to do if….** | **Action needed:** | **Return to school when:** |
| My child has Covid-19 symptoms | * Do not go to school
* Contact school as advised by the attendance officer
* Get a test
* Inform school immediately about the tests results
 | The test comes back negative ORIf positive, after 10 days from the onset of symptoms |
| My child tests positive for Covid-19 | * Do not go to school
* Contact school as advised by the attendance officer
* Self-isolate for at least 10 days
* Inform school of positive test result
 | After 10 days from the onset of symptoms, even if they still have a cough or other symptoms as these can last for several weeks once the infection is gone. |
| Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms | * Do not go to school
* Contact school as advised by the attendance officer
* Self-isolate
* Household member to get a test
 | The household members test is negative. |
| Someone in my household has tested positive for Covid-19 | * Do not come to school
* Contact school as advised by the attendance officer
* Self-isolate for 14 days
 | Once 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 a confirmed case of Covid-19 | * Do not come to school
* Contact school as advised by the attendance officer
* Self-isolate for 14 days
 | Once the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation |
| We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine | * Contact school as advised by the attendance officer
* Do not come to school
* Self-isolate for 14 days.
 | Once the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed. |
| We have received advice that my child must resume shielding | * Do not come to school
* Contact the school las advised by the attendance officer
* Shield until the restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.
 | Once other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. |