# 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  OR  If 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. |