



Information for Parents

Stay Alert - Control the Virus

The Government has made it clear that school attendance is compulsory from the beginning of the new academic year, September 2020 and it has reinstated a parent's legal duty to ensure their child attends full time education.

Shielding advice for all children is paused from 1st August so pupils on the shielding patient list can return to school, so can pupils with a family member who is shielding.

However, you should not send your child to school in any of the following circumstances and you won't be penalised for your child's absence in these circumstances.

What to do if...	Action needed	Code	Return to school when...
...my child has Coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate Get a test Inform school immediately about test result 	X	... the test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 10 days Inform school immediately about test result 	I	...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection has gone.
...somebody in my household has Coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate Household member to get a test Inform school immediately about test result 	X	... the household member test is negative
...somebody in my household has tested positive for Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days 	X	...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 confirmed Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate for 14 days 	X	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
...we are considering booking a holiday abroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave during term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy 	G	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
	<p><u>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate for 14 days 	X	
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to discuss provision • Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	X	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again

- Key to codes:
- X - COVID-19 related absence (*will not affect attendance percentage*)
 - I - Illness (authorised absence, will affect attendance, but will not trigger a penalty notice)
 - G - Unauthorised holiday (*will effect attendance rate and will trigger a Penalty Notice after 5 days*)