

Covid-19 related student absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September2020)

Note that if a student is off school because they need to self-isolate then they will be sent details of how to access Guided Home Learning.

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to inform us by phone or emailing absence@nhs.gdst.net • Self-isolate the whole household • Get a test • Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school. • Contact school to inform us by phone or emailing absence@nhs.gdst.net • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us. • Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day) 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school. • Contact school to inform us by phone or emailing absence@nhs.gdst.net • Ring on each day of illness 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to inform us by phone or emailing absence@nhs.gdst.net • Self-isolate the whole household • Household member to get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to inform us by phone or emailing absence@nhs.gdst.net • Self-isolate the whole household 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school. • Contact school to inform us by phone or emailing absence@nhs.gdst.net 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The household member must self-isolate for 14 days • Child can continue to attend school 	...child can continue to attend school

<p>... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sibling must self-isolate within the household for 14 days • Northampton High School student can continue to attend 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*: • minimum of 14 days' self-isolation for all those who travelled 	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact school to inform us by phone or emailing absence@nhs.gdst.net • Self-isolate the whole household <p><i>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information</i></p>	
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list • Contact school to inform us by phone or emailing absence@nhs.gdst.net 	<p>... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).</p>
<p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school • The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child must not come to school • Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school • Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days • Other siblings may continue to attend school 	<p>...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p><i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i></p>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>