



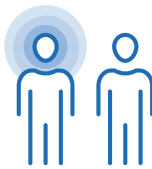





# COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ABSENCE: A quick guide for parents/carers



Knowsley Council

| What to do if...   | Action needed  | Return to school when...  |
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|  <p>...my child has coronavirus symptoms</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate</li> <li>✓ Get a test</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>   | <p>...the test comes back <b>negative</b>, the child feels well and they have not had a fever for 48 hours</p>  |
|  <p>...my child tests <b>positive</b> for coronavirus</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>   | <p>...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 is gone.</p> |
|  <p>...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate</li> <li>✓ Household member to get a test</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>   | <p>...the household member test is <b>negative</b></p>  |
|  <p>...somebody in my household has tested <b>positive</b> for coronavirus</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>  | <p>...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>   |
|  <p>...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✗ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✗ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>  | <p>...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>   |
|  <p>...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>                                     | <p>Term time holidays, including absence as a result of needing to quarantine, are unauthorised.</p> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for 14 days - even if a test is negative</li> </ul> | <p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed</p>   |
|  <p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>  | <p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>  |
|  <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>✓ People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>   | <p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>  |

\* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.