





COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents/carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, <i>even if they test negative during the 14 days.</i></p>
 <p>...we/my child has travelled and had to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information ahead of term-time absence in line with attendance policy • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>... we have received advice from a medical/official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Contact school and inform Family Link Worker • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when school/other agencies 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"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation are met</p>

For further information: www.gov.uk/backtoschool