Absence related to coronavirus
– a quick guide for parents and carers

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- a new, continuous **cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of **smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if…	What do parents/carers need to do?	When can my child return to school?	How will school record this absence?
My child has symptoms of coronavirus	• let school know your child is unwell • make sure your child **does not attend school** • your child must self-isolate at home • your child should get a test as soon as possible • your household must also self-isolate while waiting for the test result • share the test result with school immediately • support your child with remote learning if they are well enough	• **following a negative test result** • and if your child feels well	• Code **X** *Does not count as an absence*
My child has tested positive for coronavirus	• share the test result with school immediately • make sure your child **does not attend school** • your child must self-isolate at home for 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • your household must also self-isolate for 14 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • your household must self-isolate for a full 14 days even if they return a negative test • support your child with remote learning if they are well enough; or with catching up with work when they are better	• **after 10 days** • and if your child feels well • and doesn't: have a high temperature or feels hot and shivery or have a runny nose, sneezing or diarrhoea Note: your child can return to school with a cough or loss of smell/taste as these can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.	• Code **X** *Does not count as an absence* (up until a positive test result) • Code **I** (Illness) *following a positive test result*
Someone in my child's household has symptoms of coronavirus	• make sure your child **does not attend school** • your child must self-isolate at home • the household member should get a test as soon as possible • your household must all self-isolate while waiting for the test result • share the test result with school immediately • support your child with **remote learning**	• **following a negative test result** • and if your child does not have any symptoms	• Code **X** *Does not count as an absence*

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NHS Test and Trace or Public Health England has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	- let school know - make sure your child **does not attend** school - your child must self-isolate at home - support your child with **remote learning** Note: the rest of your household does not need to self-isolate unless they are identified as a close contact too	**after 14 days** Note: your child must self-isolate for a full 14 days even if they return a negative test, as it can take 14 days to develop symptoms	Code **X** *Does not count as an absence*
My child has travelled abroad to a country where exemption rules do not apply	- let school know when your child is going abroad and when they return - make sure your child **does not attend** school - your child must quarantine and self-isolate at home - support your child with **remote learning** - help your child catch up with work missed during the holiday Note: routine holidays during term-time will not be authorised and should be avoided	usually after **14 days** from the date of entry back into the UK Note: your child must quarantine for a full 14 days even if they return a negative test, as it can take 14 days to develop symptoms	Code **X** *Does not count as an absence*
My child has received medical advice to say that they must shield , for example, before a hospital admission	- do not send your child to school - provide supporting **medical evidence** to school as soon as possible - support your child with **remote learning** at home	when advised that it is safe and appropriate for your child to do so	Code **X** *Does not count as an absence*