Guide to Coronavirus related absences

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child has coronavirus symptoms (temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste/smell)	**DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL**. Inform the school immediately of reason for absence by telephone. Whole household must self-isolate. Book a COVID-19 test for your child and any other symptomatic persons in your household. Inform school immediately of the test result.	If the test is **negative** – Child can return once they feel well as long as no one else in the household is displaying coronavirus symptoms. If the test is **positive** – Child can return following a minimum of 10 days self-isolation; must also be temperature free for 48 hours and feel well. The symptoms of cough and loss of taste/smell can last for several weeks and do not prevent child returning to school following self-isolation.
My child is unwell but has no coronavirus symptoms	**DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.** Seek medical advice if necessary. Monitor closely for symptoms of coronavirus. If develops symptoms of coronavirus follow advice above.	Child can return once they feel well as long as no one else in the household is displaying coronavirus symptoms.
My child tests positive for coronavirus	**DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.** Inform the school immediately of the test result.	Child can return following a minimum of 10 days self-isolation; must also be temperature free for 48 hours and feel well. The symptoms of cough and loss of taste/smell can last for several weeks and do not prevent child returning to school following self-isolation.
Somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	**DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.** Inform the school immediately of reason for absence by telephone. Whole household must self-isolate. Book COVID-19 test for symptomatic person(s). Inform school immediately of the test result.	If the test is **negative** – Child can return if all symptomatic household members test negative and they feel well. If the test is **positive** – Child must self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days. If the child develops coronavirus symptoms during self-isolation period then they should get a test and if positive must recommence self-isolation for further minimum 10 days from symptom onset; must also be temperature free for 48 hours and feel well. The symptoms of cough and loss of taste/smell can last for several weeks and do not prevent child returning to school following self-isolation.
Somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	**DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.** Inform the school immediately of reason for absence by telephone. Whole household must self-isolate. Book COVID-19 test for all household members.	Child must self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days. If the child develops coronavirus symptoms during self-isolation period then they should get a test and if positive must recommence self-isolation for further minimum 10 days from symptom onset; must also be temperature free for 48 hours and feel well. The symptoms of cough and loss of taste/smell can last for several weeks and do not prevent child returning to school following self-isolation.
The Track and Trace scheme has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with confirmed coronavirus	**DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.** Inform the school immediately of reason for absence by telephone.	Child must self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days. If the child develops coronavirus symptoms during self-isolation period then they should get a test and if positive must recommence self-isolation for further minimum 10 days from symptom onset; must also be temperature free for 48 hours and feel well. The symptoms of cough and loss of taste/smell can last for several weeks and do not prevent child returning to school following self-isolation.
My child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate as part of the quarantine process	**DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.** Provide information to the school as per the attendance policy.	Child must self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days. If the child develops coronavirus symptoms during self-isolation period then they should get a test and if positive must recommence self-isolation for further minimum 10 days from symptom onset; must also be temperature free for 48 hours and feel well. The symptoms of cough and loss of taste/smell can last for several weeks and do not prevent child returning to school following self-isolation.
Staff or pupils in my child's bubble have tested positive for coronavirus	**DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.** Everyone in the bubble must self-isolate and get a COVID-19 test.	Guidance will be directed from the Public Health Agency. All children and staff in the bubble must self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days. Any children/staff who develop coronavirus symptoms during the self-isolation period should get a test and if positive must recommence self-isolation for further minimum 10 days from symptom onset; must also be temperature free for 48 hours and feel well. The symptoms of cough and loss of taste/smell can last for several weeks and do not prevent child returning to school following self-isolation.