

## Quick Guide to Coronavirus related absences

**We know how difficult this system could be for working parents' but schools must follow this guidance in terms of Public Health. This could change at any time so will be kept under review. Thank you for helping to keep everyone in our school community safe. The safer we are, the longer we can stay open without disruption, which is what we want for everyone.**

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when
My child has coronavirus symptoms... <i>(a new, continuous cough and/or high temperature/fever and/or anosmia (a loss of change in your normal sense of smell which can also affect your sense of taste))</i>	<b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</b> Contact school daily. Self-isolate Get a test ASAP Inform school immediately about test result <i>If well enough to do so, students will access the online classrooms</i>	Students can return to school if everyone with symptoms who was tested in your household receive a negative result and your child is fever free for 48 hours. They will have their temperature taken when they return to school.
My child tests positive...	Inform the school immediately about the test result <b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</b> Contact school daily. Self-isolate for 14 days The family must engage with the Track and Trace process <i>If well enough to do so, students will access the online classrooms</i>	Students can return to school after 14 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once infection is gone. If they continue to have a high temperature they should stay at home. They will have their temperature taken when they return to school.
Somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms...	<b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b> for 14 days. Contact school daily. Household member to get test. Inform school immediately about the test results Students will access the online classrooms	Stay at home for 14 days after the first person in your home started having symptoms.
Somebody in my household has tested positive with Coronavirus...	Get a test ASAP. Inform the school immediately about the test result <b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL.</b> Contact school daily. Self-isolate for 14 days Students will access the online classrooms if well enough to do so.	The child /family has completed 14 days of self-isolation A –ve test has been provided to school
The AL HOSN scheme has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms of confirmed coronavirus...	<b>DO NOT COME INTO SCHOOL</b> Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days Students will access the online classrooms	The child /family has completed 14 days of self-isolation
My child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate as part of the quarantine process...	Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed <b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b> Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days Provide information to the school as per attendance policy Students will access the online classrooms	When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
Staff or pupils in my child's bubble have tested positive...	Inform the school <b>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</b> Everyone in the bubble must self-isolate and take a test Students will access the online classroom	When a negative test is confirmed or the necessary isolation period has been completed.
My child is showing possible symptoms in school... <i>No one in school is an expert in diagnosing COVID-19. We will always endeavour to tell the difference between the common cold and something more serious. Please understand we can't take any risks.</i>	The child will be sent to the school nurse and have their temperature taken. Full PPE may be worn. The child will then wait in an isolation area in the nurse's room for collection by a parent / carer. The area will be made safe and will be thoroughly cleaned. This should avoid panic in the classroom and allow teaching staff to continue to teach. Parents should get their child tested and follow the above procedures. Staff and parents will NOT be informed that someone from the class bubble is being tested as this is only a precautionary measure but this decision will be made on a case by case basis. If a positive test occurs in a bubble, parents will be alerted. We do want to protect the dignity of all children, staff and their families so please be kind and understand that anyone can catch this virus despite lots of protective measures being put in place. Thank you.	

