



Birches First School

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Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if....	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household. - Get a test. - Inform school about the test result. 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days) - Self-isolate the whole household. 	... 10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. (These symptoms can last for several weeks) AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day) 	...the test comes back negative
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
....someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days) 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Self-isolate the whole household. 	
....NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days) 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
....NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. child can continue to attend school
....a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - Birches child(ren) can continue to attend. child can continue to attend school.