



# Birches First School

## Believe, Grow, Succeed

### 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"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> <li>- Get a test.</li> <li>- Inform school about the test result.</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative <b>or</b> 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"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us</li> <li>- Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days)</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	... 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)  <b>AND</b> the child feels well.
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day)</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative
...my child is ill with symptoms <b>not</b> linked to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school.</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>- Ring on each day of illness.</li> </ul>	...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"> <li>- Do not come to school.</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> <li>- Household member to get a test.</li> <li>- Inform school immediately about test result.</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school.</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>- Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days)</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	
....NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days)</b></li> </ul>	...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"> <li>- <b>The household member must self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>- Child can continue to attend school.</li> </ul>	....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"> <li>- <b>Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>- Birches child(ren) can continue to attend.</li> </ul>	....child can continue to attend school.