

COVID-19 Related Absence

A quick reference guide for families



Please refer to the [NHS Inform](https://www.nhs.uk) website for the latest information about COVID-19 Symptoms or Perth and Kinross Council's website: www.pkc.gov.uk/coronavirus/schools which has further information for parents and carers.

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
My child has COVID-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school. You should arrange for your child to be tested. All household members should also stay at home during this time. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and further information on testing can be found on NHS Inform. Inform the school immediately about the test result. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the test is negative, your child and any other relevant member of your household can return to school. If you choose not to have your child tested, they should not return to school until 10 days have passed since their symptoms appeared, and 48 hours have passed since they have had a fever/high temperature. If the test is positive, please see below, your child should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.
My child tests positive for COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school. Self-isolate the whole household and follow the advice of the Public Health team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell and the child feels well. <i>Please note these symptoms can last for several weeks.</i> 48 hours after your child has a fever or high temperature. All other household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days, even if they have a negative test.
My child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let the school know of the result of the negative test. Contact the school to discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The test comes back negative. All other household members may also return.
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school. Contact school to inform them of the situation. As per the school's attendance/absence procedures e.g. ring on each day of illness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 send your child to school Contact school to inform Self-isolate the whole household. Household member to get a test. Inform school immediately about test result. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The household member's test comes back negative.

Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school. Contact school to inform us. Self-isolate the whole household and follow the advice of the Public Health team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child has completed 14 days of isolation.
NHS Test and Protect has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school. Contact school to inform. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child has completed 14 days of isolation.
NHS Test and Protect 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. The child can continue to attend school as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child can continue to attend school.
A sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. The child can continue to attend school as long as they do not have COVID-19 symptoms, or their sibling develops symptoms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child can continue to attend school.
My child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is on the quarantine list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child has returned from a country that is on the quarantine list, please do not send them to school until they have completed the 14 days quarantine period. Additional guidance can be found here on the NHS Inform website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
My child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is not on the quarantine list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed. Check the current quarantine rules and information to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child can return to school.
I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child can continue to attend school.