



The below is a guide for all parents and carers who may be unsure what to do in this current situation.

To report a student absence please call the school on 01202 740950.

If you have any queries please email heretohelp@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk

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 <p>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronaviruscovid-19/symptoms/ gives details of COVID 19 symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Get a test for your child or anyone who is symptomatic in the household - Inform the school immediately 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 (household members only need to get tested if they are symptomatic) 	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 and a return date is agreed.
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 	<p>After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.</p> <p>Once the child is well enough to return and they are no longer ill.</p>
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 - Child does not need a test unless symptomatic - Inform school immediately of test result 	The test comes back negative and no one else in your household is displaying symptoms that would then require them to be tested.

<p>Someone in my household tests positive for COVID 19</p>	<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) - Self-isolate the whole household 	<p>The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>
<p>NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed COVID-19</p>	<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) 	<p>The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>
<p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days - Child can continue to attend school. 	<p>Child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>A sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The sent home sibling must self-isolate for 14 days - St Edward's School child can continue to attend school unless someone in the household is presenting with symptoms of COVID 19. 	<p>Child can continue to attend school.</p>
<p>My child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed - Minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those that travelled. - Contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Use https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice for up to date travel information 	<p>The quarantine period has been completed for 14 days.</p>
<p>My child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed: - Check the current exempt countries and territories list at: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice to confirm the country, you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	<p>You have informed the school of your return to the UK and you are exempt from self-isolation.</p>

I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child did not 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. 	Child can continue to attend school.
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>School inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p> <p>You receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
My child's bubble is closed due to a COVID19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school 	School will inform you when the bubble can safely return.
I am unable to get a test for someone in the household.	- If you are unable to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and your household must self-isolate for 14 days.	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation.

If your child displays symptoms of a cold that include a cough, we would advise that you keep them at home so their coughing is not confused with Covid symptoms. Please understand that we are managing a situation in school where there is increased anxiety, among both the student and staff body. For this reason we will err on the side of caution, and will prioritise the health and safety of the wider school community. We may need to send your child home and advise you to stay in self-isolation and get a coronavirus test.

Details of how to get a test

Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Anyone with coronavirus symptoms can get a test. Coronavirus symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You can get a test for someone you live with if they have these symptoms. Do not get tests for people you live with who do not have these symptoms.

Please ensure that you follow the guidance provided by the NHS and inform the school immediately if a member of your household has a positive, confirmed case of COVID 19.

What is self-isolating?

Self-isolating means staying at home and not leaving it.

You should not go out for any reason - even to buy food, medicines or other essentials, or for exercise.

You should order online groceries, or ask friends or family to help out by getting what you need and leaving items outside your front door.

Thank you all for your on-going patience and understanding. Together we can ensure that we keep students, staff and our local community safe.