# COVID-19 related pupil absence – A quick reference guide for parents



### WHAT TO DO IF MY CHILD: Has <u>any</u> of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing a lot more in an hour OR 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything

#### DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL

- Contact school (phone or email) to inform us
- Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days
- Get tested INFORM SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY ABOUT TEST RESULTS

Your child(ren) can only return to school when the test comes back <a href="mailto:negative">negative</a>

WHAT TO DO IF MY CHILD: Tests POSITIVE for COVID-19

#### DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL

- Contact school (phone or email) to inform us
- Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days
- Agree on earliest date for possible return Minimum of 10 days.
  - Bubble isolates / remote learning

Your child(ren) can return to school when they feel better. **They can return after 10 days** even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks

## WHAT TO DO IF MY CHILD: Tests Negative for COVID-19

 Contact school (phone or email) to discuss when your child can come back to school (same day / next day)

Your child(ren) can return once the test comes back <u>negative</u>

WHAT TO DO IF MY CHILD: Is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19

FOLLOW USUAL SCHOOL ABSENCE POLICY PROCEDURE

Your child(ren) can only return to school when they feel better. If your child has had sickness/diarrhoea, they can return 48 hours following the last bout

WHAT TO DO IF: Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms

#### DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL

- Contact school (phone or email)
- Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days
- Household members to get tested Inform school immediately about test results

Your child(ren) can only return to school if the test comes back negative

# WHAT TO DO IF: Someone in my household tests POSITIVE for COVID-19 DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Your child(ren) can only return to school • Contact school (phone or email) they've completed 10 days of isolation Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days) WHAT TO DO IF: NHS test & trace has identified that my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed COVID-19 DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Your child(ren) can only return to Contact the school (phone or email) school once they have completed 10 Agree an earliest date for possible return – minimum of 10 days of isolation WHAT TO DO IF: We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine Your child(ren) can Do not take unauthorised leave in term time only return to school Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel once they've Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed completed the Agree an earliest date for possible return – Minimum of 10 days from return date. quarantine period of Self-isolate the whole household 10 days WHAT TO DO IF: We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Your child(ren) can only return Contact school (phone or email) once school has informed you Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding that restrictions have been lifted is paused again WHAT TO DO IF: My child's bubble is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak in school **DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL** Your child(ren) can only return At home, support your child with remote education provided by once school has informed you school when the bubble will be Your child will need to isolate for 10 days reopened