What to do if	Action needed	Return to school when
my child has one of the covid- 19 symptoms	Do not come to school Contact school Self-isolate Get a PCR test Inform school of results Children will be given an authorised absence mark X on the register	the test comes back negative, on day 6 following 5 full days of isolation and following 2 negative LFTs (24 hours apart) or following 10 days of isolation if unable to complete the PCR test.
my child tests positive for Covid-19	Do not come to school Contact school Self-isolate for up to 10 days Children will be given an absence mark - I for illness on the register From January 11th, if your child has no symptoms, but has tested positive on a LFT, then you do not need to seek a PCR test.	they feel better, on day 6 following 5 full days of isolation and following negative LFTs (24 hours apart) even they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. Symptoms can last for weeks.
somebody in the household has symptoms	Child may still attend school – watch carefully for symptoms.	
somebody in my household has tested positive for Covid-19	Child may still attend school – watch carefully for symptoms. Child/ren to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days	
NHS Test and Trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed case of Covid-19	Child may still attend school – watch carefully for symptoms. Child/ren to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days	
we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	Individual situations to be discussed with the Headteacher	your medical team and school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of the period of quarantine	DO NOT TAKE UNAUTHORISED LEAVE IN TERM TIME Do not come to school Contact school Follow advice from PHE Children will be given an authorised absence mark X on the register	when the quarantine period, a advised, has been completed

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