What to do if	Action needed	Return to school when
my child has covid-19 symptoms	Do not come to school Contact school Self-isolate Get a test Inform school of results Children will be given an authorised absence mark X on the register	the test comes back negative
my child tests positive for Covid-19	Do not come to school Contact school Self-isolate for 10 days Children will be given an absence mark - I for illness on the register	they feel better, following the 10 days, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. Symptoms ca 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.	
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.	
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 retur 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 has been completed

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