Cowbridge Comprehensive School: Pupil Absence and Learning Continuity Plan

A quick reference guide for parents

What to do if	Action needed and Learning Continuity overview	Return to school when
 My child has 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 for more than 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. Inform the School. Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days. Get a test. Inform the school immediately about the test result. Learning continuity: a) If pupils are well enough to learn, they can complete research and reading around their subject areas. Learn key words and meanings. b) Pupils will have a learning continuity plan in their exercise books/ files for the majority of subjects studied. c) Pupils can access Google Classroom for resources linked to the curriculum content being covered in school. Work can be submitted via Google Classroom.	The test comes back negative.
My child tests positive for COVID- 19	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 for 10 days. Contact group(s) isolate/remote learning. Learning continuity: As above in (1).	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.
3. My child tests negative.	Contact the School. Discuss when your child can come back to school (same day/next day). Learning continuity: As above in (1) while waiting for the test result. Then, return to face to face learning.	The test comes back negative.
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19.	Follow usual school absence procedure Learning continuity: Return to face to face learning when fit. No work for short term absence; pupil to catch-up in the usual way upon return: speak to teachers; get copies of handouts/resources; photocopy/photograph another pupil's work; etc.	After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea, if this is the cause of absence.

5.	Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms.	Do not come to school. Contact school. Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days. Household member to get tested. Inform school immediately about the test result. Learning continuity: a) If pupils are well enough to learn, they can complete research and reading around their subject areas. Learn key words and meanings. b) Pupils will have a learning continuity plan in their exercise books/ files for the majority of subjects studied. c) Pupils can access Google Classroom for resources linked to the curriculum content being covered in school. Work can be submitted via Google Classroom.	The test comes back negative.
6.	Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19.	Do not come to school. Contact school. Agree an earliest date for possible return, minimum of 10 days. Learning continuity: As above in (5).	The child has completed 10 days of isolation.
7.	NHS Test, Trace, Protect has identified my child has been in close contact with someone with symptoms of confirmed COVID-19.	Do not come to school. Contact school. Agree an earliest date for possible return Minimum of 10 days self-isolation. Learning continuity: As above in (5).	The child has completed 10 days of self-isolation.
8.	We/my child has travelled and have/has to self- isolate as a period of quarantine.	Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. Consider quarantine requirements and government advice when booking travel. If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed, agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days from return date. Selfisolate the whole household. Learning Continuity: Unauthorised absence	The quarantine period of 10 days has been completed.
9.	We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	Do not come to school. Contact school. Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. Learning Continuity: a) Paper-based/online work and booklets will be sent home from most subject areas. Work will be marked once per half term and feedback provided. b) Pupils can access Google Classroom for resources linked to the curriculum content being covered in school. Work can be submitted via Google Classroom. c) Pastoral/welfare telephone support once per week or fortnight.	School informs you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school.

10. My child's contact group is not	Do not come to school.	School informs you that the
admitted due to COVID- 19	Pupils must remain at home.	contact group will be readmitted.
outbreak in school.	Your child will need to isolate for 10 days	
	and engage with remote learning work	
	provided by the school.	
	Learning Continuity:	
	Blended Learning Policy will apply.	
	Support may include:	
	 provision of paper packs (sent home 	
	to pupils);	
	 online resources (accessed via 	
	Google Classroom);	
	 emails from teachers 	
	setting/offering support with work;	
	video conferencing, via Google	
	Meet, where it is appropriate and	
	feasible to offer this, e.g. with	
	Upper School classes; where	
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teaching staff are available; etc.

Resources available via Google Classroom may include, but are not limited to:

- handouts/booklets used to deliver curriculum content in lessons;
- additional reading materials to supplement class content;
- presentations such as PowerPoint used within lessons;
- tasks to be completed to practise skills and develop knowledge and understanding/assess content knowledge;
- pre-recorded stimulus, explanations and key questions;
- worked examples, modelling and scaffolding materials.