

Cowbridge Comprehensive School: Pupil Absence and Learning Continuity Plan

A quick reference guide for parents October 2021

What to do if	Action and learning continuity overview	Return to school when
<p>1. My child has COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 of change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything. 	<p>Do not come to school. Inform the School. Get a PCR test as soon as possible. Inform the school immediately about the test result. Learning continuity:</p> <p>a) If pupils are well enough to learn, they can complete research and reading around their subject areas. Learn key words and meanings.</p> <p>b) Pupils will have a learning continuity 'to do list' in their exercise books for the majority of subjects studied.</p> <p>c) Many subjects have work populated in their Google classrooms and pupils can log in and complete pre-populated tasks.</p>	<p>The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>2. My child tests positive for COVID-19...</p>	<p>Do not come to school. Contact school to inform us. Agree an earliest date for possible return, with TTP (minimum of 10 days)</p> <p>Learning continuity: As above.</p>	<p>Your child feels better. Return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks.</p>
<p>3. My child tests negative.</p>	<p>Your child can come back to school (same day/next day). Learning continuity: Return to face to face learning. No work for short term absence.</p>	<p>The test comes back negative.</p>
<p>4. My child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Follow usual school absence procedure Learning continuity: Return to face to face learning when fit. No work will be provided but pupils can follow (1.) above if they are feeling well enough to do some work at home.</p>	<p>After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea if this is the cause of absence.</p> <p>All other illness when feeling fit for learning</p>
<p>5. Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms.</p>	<p>Your child should come to school and only stay off should they develop symptoms and then go for a PCR test</p> <p>No work will be provided for absent pupils as they are able to be in school.</p>	<p>Be vigilant for symptoms. Conduct a Lateral Flow Test. Continue to come into school.</p>

<p>6. Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19.</p>	<p>Your child should come to school and only stay off should they develop symptoms and then go for a PCR test.</p>	<p>As above</p>
<p>7. NHS Test, Trace, Protect has identified my child has been in close contact of someone with symptoms of confirmed COVID-19.</p>	<p>You must follow their advice; however, it is most likely that your child will be expected to continue face to face learning at school.</p>	<p>Remain in school unless TTP say differently</p>
<p>8. We/my child has travelled and has to self- isolate as a period of quarantine.</p>	<p>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time. Consider quarantine requirements and government advice when booking travel. Returning from a destination where quarantine is required. Government regulations can change quickly. Agree an earliest date for possible return. Minimum of 10 days from return date if required. Self-isolate the whole household. Learning Continuity: Unauthorised absence</p>	<p>The quarantine period of time has been completed.</p>
<p>9. We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding as a result of a serious and complicated medical diagnosis.</p>	<p>Do not come to school. Contact school and provide written evidence from the physician. Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. Learning Continuity: Should a physician deem your child unfit for school, you will need to submit a medical letter from the hospital and the school will liaise with the Local Authority</p>	<p>School informs you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school with a pastoral support plan.</p>
<p>10. My child's contact group/ year is closed due to COVID- 19 outbreak in school and/or insufficient staff to supervise and/or teach.</p>	<p>You will be informed of our inability to provide sufficient staffing levels to continue learning. This decision will only be taken as a last resort Learning Continuity: Blended Learning Policy will apply and learning will be via the online classroom</p>	<p>School informs you that the contact group will be readmitted as staffing levels are once again resumed.</p>