



# Queen Mary's Grammar School

## Covid-19 related pupil absence

*A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2021)*

**Child in this guidance means a student less than 18 years and 6 months, sixth-formers older than this should consult government guidance for variations in exemption rules.**

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
<p>...my child has <a href="#">Covid-19 symptoms</a>.</p> <p><i>Temperature or hot to touch</i>  <i>New continuous cough</i>  <i>Loss of taste</i>  <i>Loss of smell</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us</li> <li>- Get a PCR test</li> <li>- Contact the school immediately about the test result on: <a href="mailto:enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk">enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk</a> or 01922 720696</li> </ul>	<p>...the PCR test comes back negative <b>or</b> a period of 10 days self-isolation has been observed following a positive test</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well.</p>
<p>...my child tests positive for Covid-19 using a LFD.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school.</li> <li>- Get a PCR test</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us on <a href="mailto:enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk">enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk</a> or 01922 720696</li> <li>- let us have a copy of the NHS notification</li> </ul>	<p>...the PCR test comes back negative <b>or</b> a period of 10 days self-isolation has been observed following a positive test</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well.</p>
<p>...my child tests positive for Covid-19 using a PCR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school.</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us on <a href="mailto:enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk">enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk</a> or 01922 720696</li> </ul>	<p>...a period of 10 days self-isolation has been observed</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well.</p>
<p>...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school.</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>- Contact school on each day of illness.</li> </ul>	<p>...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well.</p>
<p>...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The child can still come to school</li> <li>- Household member with symptoms to get a test.</li> <li>- Monitor all household carefully for symptoms and continue regular LFD testing</li> </ul>	<p>...child can still come to school</p>
<p>...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school.</li> <li>- Seek a PCR test</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us on <a href="mailto:enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk">enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk</a> or 01922 720696</li> </ul>	<p>...the PCR test comes back negative <b>or</b> a period of 10 days self-isolation has been observed following a positive test</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well.</p>
<p>...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The child can still come to school</li> <li>- The child should follow NHS test and trace advice and is likely to be advised to seek a PCR test</li> </ul>	<p>...child can still come to school</p>

symptoms or confirmed Covid-19 not in the same household .	- Contact school to inform us if the PCR test is positive	
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid19.	- The household member must follow NHS test and trace instructions - Child can continue to attend school.	...child can continue to attend school
... a sibling attending another school has been identified as a close contact of a positive case	- Sibling should follow advice - Child(ren) can continue to attend this setting.	...child can continue to attend school
... my child has travelled abroad	Seek guidance on the government website for the status of the country they have travelled from <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england#green-list-rules">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england#green-list-rules</a>	..depending on government advice
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	- Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.