



# Queen Mary's Grammar School

## Covid-19 related pupil absence

*A quick reference guide for parents and staff (11th January 2022)*

**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.**

- NHS Notifications must be emailed to [enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk)
- Even if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are strongly encouraged to take part in LFD testing on-site through ATS at the start of each term if Government guidelines instruct this, or twice weekly at home once they have completed their isolation period for their prior infection.
- If identified as a close contact students are strongly advised to participate in Daily Testing, in line with extant government guidance.

No.	What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
1.	...my child is ill with <b>symptoms not linked to Covid-19</b>	<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>
2.	<p>...my child has <b>Covid-19 symptoms.</b></p> <p><i>Temperature or hot to touch</i></p> <p><i>New continuous cough</i></p> <p><i>Loss of taste</i></p> <p><i>Loss of smell</i></p> <p>Note: LFTs are for asymptomatic cases; if symptoms present then a PCR test is required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us of the absence on: <a href="mailto:absences@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk">absences@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk</a> or 01922 720696</li> <li>- Get a PCR test</li> <li>- Email the NHS PCR result Notification on: <a href="mailto:enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk">enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk</a></li> </ul>	<p>...You get a negative PCR result (if you do not take a PCR test you must self-isolate for 10 days)</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well</p> <p><b>ENSURE</b> School has been provided with the Notification</p>
3.	<p>...my child tests <b>positive for Covid-19 using a LFT</b></p> <p>Note: LFTs are for asymptomatic cases; Guidance change 11.01.2022 resulted in no need for PCR following a positive LFT result</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us of the absence on: <a href="mailto:absences@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk">absences@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk</a> or 01922 720696</li> <li>- Email the NHS LFT result Notification on: <a href="mailto:enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk">enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk</a></li> </ul>	<p>...a period of 7 days self-isolation has been observed, day 6 and 7 LFTs are negative (if positive 10 day isolation required)</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well</p> <p><b>ENSURE</b> School has been provided with the three Notifications</p>

4.	...my child tests <b>positive for Covid-19 using a PCR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us of the absence on: <a href="mailto:absences@qmg.walsall.sch.uk">absences@qmg.walsall.sch.uk</a> or 01922 720696</li> <li>- Email the NHS result Notification on: <a href="mailto:enquiries@qmg.walsall.sch.uk">enquiries@qmg.walsall.sch.uk</a></li> </ul>	<p>...a period of 7 days self-isolation has been observed, day 6 and 7 LFTs are negative (if positive 10 day isolation required)</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well</p> <p><b>ENSURE</b> School has been provided with the three Notification</p>
5.	...someone in my <b>household has Covid-19 symptoms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The child can still come to school if their LFT is negative</li> <li>- Household member with symptoms to get a PCR test</li> <li>- Monitor all household carefully for symptoms and continue regular LFT testing (daily for 7 days)</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us on <a href="mailto:enquiries@qmg.walsall.sch.uk">enquiries@qmg.walsall.sch.uk</a> or 01922 720696</li> </ul>	<p>...child can still come to school as long as their 7 day LFTs are negative</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well</p>
6.	...someone in my <b>household tests PCR positive for Covid-19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The child can still come to school if their LFT is negative</li> <li>- Monitor all household carefully for symptoms and continue regular LFT testing (daily for 7 days)</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us on <a href="mailto:enquiries@qmg.walsall.sch.uk">enquiries@qmg.walsall.sch.uk</a> or 01922 720696</li> </ul>	<p>...child can still come to school as long as their 7 day LFTs are negative</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well</p>
7.	...NHS test and trace has identified my <b>child (QMGs student) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19 not in the same household</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The child can still come to school if their LFT is negative</li> <li>- The child should follow NHS test and trace advice</li> <li>- Monitor carefully for symptoms and continue regular LFT testing (daily for 7 days)</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us if the LFT/PCR test is positive on <a href="mailto:enquiries@qmg.walsall.sch.uk">enquiries@qmg.walsall.sch.uk</a> or 01922 720696</li> </ul>	<p>...child can still come to school as long as their 7 day LFTs are negative</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well</p>
8.	...NHS test and trace has identified a <b>household member (other than my child, the QMGs student) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The child can still come to school</li> <li>- The household member must follow NHS test and trace instructions</li> </ul>	<p>...child can still come to school as long as their twice weekly LFT is negative</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well</p>
9.	... a <b>sibling attending another school has been identified as a close contact of a positive case</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sibling should follow NHS test and trace advice</li> <li>- Child(ren) can continue to attend this setting if their LFT is negative</li> </ul>	<p>...child can continue to attend school as long as their twice weekly LFT is negative</p> <p><b>AND</b> the child feels well</p>

10.	... my child has <b>travelled abroad</b>	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 (see below for new rules)  <b>ENSURE</b> School has been provided with the Notification if testing required  <b>AND</b> the child feels well
11.	...we have received medical advice that my child must resume <b>shielding</b> .	- Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us on <a href="mailto:enquiries@gmgs.walsall.sch.uk">enquiries@gmgs.walsall.sch.uk</a> or 01922 720696 - 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.

- From 04:00 GMT on Friday 7 January, people who are fully vaccinated and those aged under-18 will no longer need to take a test two days before travelling to England from countries outside the UK and the Common Travel Area. On arrival, they will have to take a PCR test but they will no longer have to self-isolate while awaiting the result
- From 04:00 GMT on Sunday 9 January they will only have to take a lateral flow test instead of a PCR test on day two. But this test must be bought from a private test provider - free NHS tests are not allowed
- Unvaccinated passengers will need to continue to take a pre-departure test, PCR tests on day two and day eight, and self-isolate for 10 days