

**DORMERS WELLS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**COVID-Related Pupil Absence – A Quick Reference Guide for Parents and Carers**

What to do if...	Action needed...	Return to school when...
...my child has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact DWHS to inform us</li> <li>Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>Get a COVID-19 test</li> <li>Inform DWHS immediately about the test result</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact DWHS to inform us</li> <li>Agree an earliest date for possible return (Min 10 days)</li> <li>Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...they feel better. They can return after 10 days if they feel better.
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact DWHS to inform us</li> <li>Discuss when your child can come back (same/next day)</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative and your child feels well enough to return
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 (sickness and/or diarrhoea).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact DWHS to inform us</li> <li>Ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. As per attendance policy
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 (runny nose and/or sore throat).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check temperature and for symptoms of COVID-19</li> <li>If no COVID-19 symptoms, come to school if well enough</li> <li>If not well enough, ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>	...they feel better and are showing no symptoms of COVID-19
...someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact DWHS to inform us</li> <li>Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li><u>Household members to get a COVID-19 test</u></li> <li>Inform DWHS immediately about the test result</li> </ul>	...the test for the whole household comes back negative and/or after 14 days of household isolation
...someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact DWHS to inform us</li> <li>Agree an earliest date for possible return (Min 14 days)</li> <li>Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation and/or 10 days from when symptoms began
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact DWHS to inform us</li> <li>Agree an earlier date for possible return (Min 14 days)</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation
...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>Consider requirements and advice when booking travel</li> <li><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</b></li> <li>Agree an earliest date for possible return (Min 14 days)</li> <li>Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...the period of 14 days quarantine has been completed
...we have received medical advice from a hospital that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Contact DWHS to inform us and provide evidence of the hospital request</li> <li>Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	...restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
...my child's year group (bubble) is closed due to COVID-19 outbreak in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not come to school</li> <li>Your child will need to isolate for 14 days</li> <li>Siblings can continue to attend</li> <li><b>At home support your child with remote education</b></li> </ul>	...school informs you that the bubble will be re-opened