Covid-19 Related Absence from school – a Quick Guide for Parents

What should I do if?	Action needed
My child is feeling ill with Covid-19	DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.
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 symptoms of: a high temperature – this means your child feels hot to touch on their 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 your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. Most children with Covid-19 have at least one of these symptoms. 	The child must isolate and book a PCR test as soon as possible via the government website. Please inform us by the sending an email to thecollege@cambournevc.org including: • your child's name • tutor group • date of start of symptoms • confirmation that PCR test has been booked with date of test
My child is feeling ill with other symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose or a headache.	You should act in the same way as you would have done before the pandemic. This may involve sending your child to school or keeping them at home, depending on the nature and severity of symptoms. Of course you should seek medical advice via your GP or NHS direct on 111 if you would normally do so.
	Please note – if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this, as is normal policy.
Someone in my household has Covid19 symptoms	You can send your child to school or you can keep them at home, we will support either decision.
	Please inform us by sending an email to thecollege@cambournevc.org
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	You can send your child to school or you can keep them at home, we will support either decision.
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My child tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.
	They should isolate for 10 days. The rest of the household should isolate unless they are exempt i.e. double vaccinated, they are a child etc. Please inform us that your child has tested positive by emailing thecollege@cambournevc.org
My child tests negative for Covid-19 (test done when the child had symptoms)	Your child can return to school, assuming they are well enough. Please inform us that they have tested negative by emailing the college thecollege@cambournevc.org