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# COVID19 APPENDIX

Based on the government [guidance for full opening of schools](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools)

For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, we can plan for all children to return and start to reverse the enormous costs of missed education. This will be an important move back towards normal life for many children and families.

Parents / carers should notify their child’s school as normal if their child is unable to attend so that staff are aware and can discuss with you.

## Other reasons for absence:

1. Clinically extremely vulnerable individuals

The guidance for the clinically extremely vulnerable is that shielding has been paused. This means:

* you do not need to follow previous shielding advice
* clinically extremely vulnerable children should attend education settings in line with the wider [guidance on reopening of schools](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools) and [guidance for full opening: special schools and other specialist settings](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings/guidance-for-full-opening-special-schools-and-other-specialist-settings)
1. When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days. All students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus. You should apply within the first 24 hours of having symptoms. Please visit [https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-essential-workers or call 119](https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-essential-workers%20or%20call%20119). Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. **Please refer to the Reporting Potential or Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Policy as to action the school must take in this case.**
2. Where there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, where a child, young person or staff member tests positive. **Please refer to the Reporting Potential or Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Policy as to action the school must take in this case.**