

School attendance will continue to be mandatory for all pupils from 1 September 2021 and appropriate coding will resume with few exceptions.

This includes the process surrounding term-time leave and non school attendance. **Please speak with the school** if you are unsure on attendance matters.

Status	Attend School	Coding	DfE Guidance Notes
Child required to self isolate due to symptoms, but have not tested positive	No	Code X, Sub-code X02	This code is used for pupils who are self-isolating because they have symptoms of COVID-19 but have not yet had a positive test.
Child tests positive following LFD or PCR test	No PCR test no longer required to confirm result of LFD	If positive code I sub-code I02	From 11th January 2022 PCR requirement suspended I02 Isolation period starts on the date of test (day 0). LFD on day 6 and day 7 with negative results, and no temperature can release a child from isolation and back to school on day 8.
Child tests negative following symptoms	Yes		If a pupil tests negative and if they feel well, they can stop self-isolating and return to school. If the pupil remains unwell following the test (such as with a different illness), then they should be recorded as code I (illness). Code X, Sub-code X02 should only be used up until the time of the negative test result. Schools should not retrospectively change the attendance register due to a negative test result.
Child test negative, but feels unwell and unable to return to school	School to make decision on whether they believe the veracity of the illness for coding	Code I if child is confirmed ill Code O if school has doubts and not supported by evidence	If the veracity of the illness is in doubt the school can request evidence to support and move to attendance interventions if necessary.
Child confirmed with COVID-19	No	Code I, Sub-code I02	If a pupil tests positive, they should continue to self-isolate in line with public health guidance. Code X, Sub-code X02 should only be used for the period of self-isolation until the test. After the pupil tests positive, they should be recorded as Code I, Sub-code I02 until they are able to return to school.
Parent/carer tests positive or is advised to isolate by NHS Test and Trace	Yes	Regular attendance codes to be used – please see note regarding transport issues.	Normal attendance codes to be used unless parent/carer is sole carer or all parents and carers test positive and has no support to ensure attendance and all options, including school support have been exhausted then Code C can be used at the Headteacher's discretion and only for the self-isolation period of the parent/carer'.

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Child is clinically vulnerable	Yes, unless evidenced	Normal attendance codes unless evidence received from professional to isolate then use Code X, Sub-code X06	Clinically extremely vulnerable people are no longer advised to shield. All clinically extremely vulnerable pupils should attend their education setting unless they are one of the very small number of children and young people under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their clinician or other specialist not to attend. Remote learning and FSM (where eligible) must be provided.
Child has failed to return to the UK and the school accepts the reason for the delay	No	Code Y	If a child is unable to travel back to the UK from overseas, but the reason is accepted by the school and evidenced by the parent/carer the school can keep the child on roll. If the reason is not accepted by the Headteacher then the 20 day process can be followed – included for reference.
Child required to quarantine after returning from or through a red list country in the previous 10 days before arrival	No If quarantining in a managed hotel is required educational support to be provided if possible Day 0 is day of arrival in the UK	Code X, Sub-code X05	Code to use when quarantining from a red list country regardless of vaccination status. From Sunday 28 November 2021, you must follow these rules: If you have been in a country or territory on the red list in the last 10 days, you will only be allowed to enter the UK if you are a British or Irish national or you have residence rights in the UK. Before you travel to England, you must: • take a pre-departure COVID-19 test – to be taken in the 3 days before you travel to England • book a quarantine hotel package, including 2 COVID-19 tests • complete your passenger locator form – any time in the 48 hours before you arrive in England When you arrive in England, you must quarantine in a managed hotel, including 2 COVID-19 tests.

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Return from any other country	Yes (possibly delay until day 3 following test IF taken) Covid-19 test needs to be carried out either on or before day 2 following arrival (Arrival day is day 0)	If Positive result Code I, Sub-code I02 Children do not need to quarantine on return, but if your school decides that the child should not return until day 3 then it will be a school decision, and this should be communicated to all parents so that they are fully aware of your schools stance – Code C should be used for the two days	If you are fully vaccinated (children under the age of 18 years 6 months are considered fully vaccinated even if they are not) This is what you need to do if you qualify under the fully vaccinated rules for travel to England. Before you travel to England – fully vaccinated Before you travel to England you must: • book and pay for a COVID-19 test – LFD test to be taken after you arrive in England • complete a passenger locator form – to be completed in the 48 hours before you arrive in England If you're in England for less than 2 days, you still need to book and pay for a day 2 COVID-19 test.
Child is a close contact with someone with symptoms or confirmed case	Yes, but take a daily LFD test for 7 days. (see notes).	If a child tests positive Code I, Sub Code I02. If unable to take test Code X, Subcode X02*	Pupils who are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to self-isolate. The child (unless under 5) should take daily LFD tests for 7 days to ensure no infection and if positive at any time to isolate for the relevant period taking the positive result as day 0. If the school does not wish to admit until the result of a test is received or the parent does not want to send the pupil in pending the result, then Code C can be used at the Headteacher's discretion during this isolation period until the result is received. If they do test positive, they should be recorded as code I, Sub-code I02 until they are able to return to school. If negative the child should return to school immediately.
Child advised not to attend as part of restrictions on education set out by Government	No	Code X, Sub-code X07	This code is for pupils who as part of local or national restrictions to education settings are specifically advised not to attend school for public health reasons related to COVID-19.

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Child not attending in line with advice from Directors of Public Health as part of outbreak management	No	Code X, Sub-code X08	This code is for pupils who are advised not to attend school, for public health reasons, as part of formal contingency planning (sometimes called outbreak management) advice related to COVID-19. This code can only be used to record restricted attendance where this has been advised by the relevant public health authority.
Child is contacted by NHS Test and Trace.	Yes, but LFD for 7 days or single PCR test should be taken If over 18 years and 6 months student is required to self-isolate and not attend	Normal attendance codes to be used unless over 18 years and 6 months (possibly 6 th Form only) - Code X, Sub-code X09	This code is for pupils or students who are advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace because they are not fully vaccinated and are over the age of 18 years and 6 months. There is no requirement for children or young people under the age of 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccine status, to self-isolate whilst awaiting the results of their PCR test where they have .
Parent/carers is contacted by NHS Test and Trace and told to self-isolate for 10 days	Yes, unless tested positive or showing symptoms	Normal attendance codes to be used	If parent/carers is told to isolate it is because they have not been vaccinated – this is a personal decision but is not a barrier to the child attending school, as the parent/carers should ensure attendance and if necessary, fund transport to and from school if other options re not available (school can support with this if they wish to do so).
Parent informs that child is self-isolating and reporting unable to take a test	School to make decision on whether they believe the veracity of the illness for coding or attendance	Code X, Sub-code X02 unless there are concerns about the veracity of the situation then Code O	Schools should follow up with families if they are not satisfied with the reason as to why the pupil is not in school. Schools can request supporting evidence from the family. Where the school is not satisfied with the reason given for absence, they may record this using one of the unauthorised absence codes, in line with attendance interventions.