

# Covid-19-related Pupil Absence and Distance Learning Guide

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

## IN A NUTSHELL:

If your child is self-isolating, but the rest of their class is in school, use Oak National Academy: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year> and the school website for a link to the day's maths (using White Rose): <https://thorns.sch.life/>

If the whole of your child's class/school is self-isolating, access lessons through the Home Learning tab on the Thorns Primary School website: <https://thorns.sch.life>

## In addition is it important that the following happen daily:

- Reading, recording in reading diary
- Set your child a reading question in their reading exercise book (from the prompts provided)
- Handwrite their spellings (practising correct letter formation and joins, as well as the spellings) – these are on class pages
- Use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Distance Learning Work	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 school to inform us.</li> <li>• <b>Self-isolate the whole household</b></li> <li>• Get a test.</li> <li>• Inform the school immediately about the test result.</li> </ul>	<p><i>If your child is well enough:</i></p> <p>Child accesses English and wider curriculum work through Oak National Academy <a href="https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year">https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year</a></p> <p>Maths work on White Rose to be accessed by logging in to <b>Home Learning tab</b> on the school website. <a href="https://thorns.sch.life/">https://thorns.sch.life/</a></p>	...the test comes back negative <b>or</b> a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not come to school.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).</li> <li>• <b>Self-isolate the whole household.</b></li> </ul>	<p><i>If your child is well enough:</i></p> <p>Child accesses English and wider curriculum work through Oak National Academy <a href="https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year">https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year</a></p> <p>Maths work on White Rose to be accessed by logging in to <b>Home Learning tab</b> on the school website. <a href="https://thorns.sch.life/">https://thorns.sch.life/</a></p>	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell ( <i>these symptoms can last for several weeks</i> ) <b>AND</b> the child feels well.

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...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day).</li> </ul>		...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to flow chart.</li> <li>• <b>If your child is too poorly for school, contact school to inform us.</b></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)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not come to school.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• <b>Self-isolate the whole household.</b></li> <li>• Household members to get a test</li> <li>• Inform school immediately about test result.</li> </ul>	<p>Child accesses English and wider curriculum work through Oak National Academy <a href="https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year">https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year</a></p> <p>Maths work on White Rose to be accessed by logging in to <b>Home Learning tab</b> on the school website. <a href="https://thorns.sch.life/">https://thorns.sch.life/</a></p>	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not come to school.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</li> <li>• <b>Self-isolate the whole household.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Child accesses English and wider curriculum work through Oak National Academy <a href="https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year">https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year</a></p> <p>Maths work on White Rose to be accessed by logging in to <b>Home Learning tab</b> on the school website. <a href="https://thorns.sch.life/">https://thorns.sch.life/</a></p>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...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 school to inform us.</li> <li>• <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</b></li> </ul>	<p>Child accesses English and wider curriculum work through Oak National Academy <a href="https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year">https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year</a></p> <p>Maths work on White Rose to be accessed by logging in to <b>Home Learning tab</b> on the school website. <a href="https://thorns.sch.life/">https://thorns.sch.life/</a></p>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The household member must self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>• <b>Child can continue to attend school.</b></li> </ul>		...child can continue to attend school

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<p>... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to a positive case in their school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sibling must not attend their school and should self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>• <b>Thorns Primary child(ren) can continue to attend</b></li> </ul>		<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled</li> <li>• contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school</li> <li>• <b>self-isolate the whole household</b></li> <li>• *<a href="#">Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office (FCDO)</a> – for up to date travel information</li> </ul>	<p>Child accesses English and wider curriculum work through Oak National Academy <a href="https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year">https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year</a> Maths work on White Rose to be accessed by logging in to <b>Home Learning tab</b> on the school website. <a href="https://thorns.sch.life/">https://thorns.sch.life/</a></p>	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
<p>...my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the current <a href="#">Exempt countries and territories list</a> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list.</li> <li>• Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</li> </ul>		<p>... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).</p>
<p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, <b>your child can continue to attend school.</b></li> <li>• The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>).</li> </ul>		<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not come to school.</li> <li>• Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>• <b>Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Child accesses English and wider curriculum work through Oak National Academy <a href="https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year">https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year</a> Maths work on White Rose to be accessed by logging in to <b>Home Learning tab</b> on the school website. <a href="https://thorns.sch.life/">https://thorns.sch.life/</a></p>	<p>...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.</p>

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<p>...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Child must not come to school.</b></li> <li>• Support your child at home with remote education provided by School.</li> <li>• Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>• Other siblings may continue to attend school.</li> </ul>	<p>Lessons commence through log in to Home Learning tab on the school website. <a href="https://thorns.sch.life/">https://thorns.sch.life/</a></p> <p>Children will be signposted to the appropriate pages in their CGP Study and work books (which will be provided by school).</p>	<p>...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p>...my child's school is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Child must not come to school.</b></li> <li>• Support your child at home with remote education provided by School.</li> </ul>	<p>Lessons commence through log in to Home Learning tab on the school website. <a href="https://thorns.sch.life/">https://thorns.sch.life/</a></p> <p>Children will be signposted to the appropriate pages in their CGP Study and work books (which will be provided by school).</p>	<p>...school inform you that it will be reopening.</p>
<p>...my child's school is closed due to Public Health England</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Child must not come to school.</b></li> <li>• Support your child at home with remote education provided by School.</li> </ul>	<p>Lessons commence through log in to Home Learning tab on the school website. <a href="https://thorns.sch.life/">https://thorns.sch.life/</a></p> <p>Children will be signposted to the appropriate pages in their CGP Study and work books (which will be provided by school).</p>	
<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p><b><i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child, and anyone they live with, must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i></b></p>	<p>Child accesses English and wider curriculum work through Oak National Academy <a href="https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year">https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year</a> Maths work on White Rose to be accessed by logging in to <b>Home Learning</b> tab on the school website. <a href="https://thorns.sch.life/">https://thorns.sch.life/</a></p>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>

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