

Covid-19 Related Absence from Exams, Summer 2022

From 1 April 2022, Covid-19 will be managed in a similar way to any other respiratory illness.

Please see the guidance below for the latest advice from UKHSA. This will apply to attending exams this summer:

Key extracts from the UKHSA Guidance as of 1 April 2022

People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

It is important that centres read and consider all appropriate UKHSA and other public health guidance. These extracts are included for convenience only.

For children and young people 18 and under:

- “Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.”
- “Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.”
- “It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.”
- “If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can.”
- “Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.”
- For further information on high temperature (fever) in children, please see the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/fever-in-children/>

If your child is absent from an exam due to illness, a high temperature or a positive Covid-19 test, please contact the school as soon as possible so we can provide advice on what to do.