



**COVID-19 Attendance arrangements for
Brandhall Primary School**

May 2020

School Attendance and COVID 19

Our school community continues to be affected by the global outbreak of COVID 19. In accordance with government advice we want to get all children back into education as soon as it is safe to do so, but this will be very gradual and will always be based upon the latest government and scientific advice. Pupil, parent and staff safety will continue to be our priority, and social distancing, hygiene and prevention strategies will be embedded into the return to school plans.

Upon re-opening, if a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students are encouraged to take a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus.

Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within school will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

Absence will be recorded as Y – unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances – where a pupil is shielding, self-isolating, or the pupil has an education, health and care plan (EHCP) and their risk assessment says their needs cannot be safely met in school.

Where a pupil does not attend school and is not shielding, self-isolating or has an EHCP risk assessment saying their needs cannot be safely met at school, the pupil should be recorded as code C (leave of absence authorised by the school). The decision for children to return to school is through parental choice, and is not currently compulsory.

Where a pupil cannot attend school due to illness the pupil should be recorded as code I (illness). A note should be added whether the illness involves coronavirus symptoms.