



<p align="center">The Marlborough Science Academy Attendance & Registration of Students Policy – GP14 Coronavirus Addendum</p>	
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1. Attendance expectations

It is mandatory for all students of compulsory school age to attend school unless:

- They have been granted an authorised absence by the school in line with of our normal attendance policy
- They cannot attend school due to specific circumstances related to coronavirus (see section 2, below)

2. Where 'non-attendance in relation to coronavirus' applies

We will only accept 'non-attendance in relation to coronavirus' in circumstances where a student's travel to, or attendance at, school would be:

- Against guidance from Public Health England and/or the Department of Health and Social Care relating to the incidence of coronavirus or its transmission
- Prohibited by any legislation or statutory directions relating to the incidence of transmission of coronavirus

2.1 Student develops symptoms or lives with someone who does

The student's parent/carer must notify the school on the first day that their child needs to self-isolate. The student will stay at home until they or the symptomatic person they live with receives their coronavirus test results.

If the student's test result is negative: the student will return to school when they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus. They should continue to stay at home if they remain unwell (i.e. with a different illness).

If the person, the student lives with tests negative: the student will stop self-isolating and return to school

2.2 Student or a 'close contact' of theirs receives a positive test result

The student's parent/carer must notify the school about the positive test result as soon as possible.

Students who test positive must self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms, must only return to school when they no longer have symptoms (other than a cough or a loss of sense of smell or taste).

If a member of the student's household or a 'close contact' tests positive, the student must self-isolate for 14 days. The student must do this from when the member of their household first had symptoms, or the day the student last met with the 'close contact' who received the positive result.

2.3. Student has to quarantine after travel abroad

The parent/carer must notify the school if their child has to quarantine after travel to a country that is not on the government's [exemptions list](#).

The student must quarantine for 14 days on their arrival to the UK and return to school thereafter.

2.4 Student is required to shield during a local lockdown

The parent/carer will notify the school if they are advised by the government to stay at home and will provide proof of their shielding letter by sending a scan to attendance@marlborough.herts.sch.uk or a photocopy to the school address.

The student will stay at home until the shielding measures in the local area are paused. Once the shielding measures are lifted, we will contact the student's parent/carer to set the expectation that they can return to school.

2.5 Remote learning provision

If a student is not attending school because of circumstances related to coronavirus, but where the student is not ill, the school will provide the student access to remote education.

Appendix: student absence codes

The following codes are taken from the DfE's addendum to their school attendance guidance for the 2020/21 academic year. If not covered here, our normal attendance codes apply.

Code	Definition	Scenario
X	Not attending in circumstances relating to coronavirus (COVID-19)	Student has to self-isolate because they have symptoms or live with someone who does, and are waiting for their test results
I	Illness	Student remains unwell following a negative test result (i.e. with a different illness)
I	Illness	Student has to continue to self-isolate because they tested positive
X	Not attending in circumstances relating to coronavirus (COVID-19)	Student has to self-isolate (for 14 days) because someone they live with tested positive
X	Not attending in circumstances relating to coronavirus (COVID-19)	Student has to self-isolate (for 14 days) because they are a close contact of someone who tested positive
X	Not attending in circumstances relating to coronavirus (COVID-19)	Student has to quarantine (for 14 days) after a trip to a non-exempt country
X	Not attending in circumstances relating to coronavirus (COVID-19)	Student is required to shield in the case of a local lockdown, or lives with someone who is required to shield
X	Not attending in circumstances relating to coronavirus (COVID-19)	Student is asked not to attend in the case of local lockdown