

**Sent via email**

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Dear Parents,

We have had a question regarding whether we are authorising absences if parents decide to take children out of school because of their concerns about COVID-19.

We have been advised by the LA and DFE (education helpline) that if the pupil's absence follows the isolation guidance laid out by Public Health England (i.e. they have had close contact with an infected person or they have returned from a category one area) then the absence should be authorised.

If the absence is not in line with this advice, then it will not be authorised.

We would ask you to continue to follow the advice and call 111 if you have any concerns.

I have attached a poster which has been shared with all education settings and is a useful one stop piece of advice.

Thank you for continuing to ask questions and seek clarification and as always we will pass on the updates as we receive them.

Regards,

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