

What to Do if a Your Child has Covid Over the Exam Period

As covid restrictions in England have now ended, covid during exams is treated the same as other illnesses. Exams have been spread out over a longer period this year; this means that your child should be able to avoid missing more than one exam on a chosen course due to a single instance of illness. If at least one of the subject's exams is completed, the exam board should be able to award your child a grade based on their previous work. Your child will not need to wear a mask during their exams.

If your child is ill on the day of an exam:

Do not send them to school to take the exam; they should stay home if they are covid positive or not feeling well.

You must call the academy's absence line as early as possible to report your child's illness and explain that they will not be able to take the exam.

The academy will contact you to fill in **JCQ Form 14** for Self-Certification. You and your child must sign it to declare that they were absent due to illness.

You **must** be honest with the academy about the reason for absence. **Do not sign** the form if your child was not actually ill. This is fraudulent and can have serious repercussions; your child could be disqualified from their courses.

There is no expectation for you to provide proof of your child's illness, but you should supply a photograph of a positive covid test if possible.

The academy will then apply to the exam board for special consideration.

Long Covid

Long-term health conditions are not usually afforded special consideration unless there are exacerbating circumstances at the time of the exam; the same will apply to long covid. Contact your academy if you'd like to discuss accommodations that can be made for your child.