

Pippa's Guardians Living with Covid Support Plan

After a challenging two years of working incredibly hard to successfully support our students throughout the pandemic, here in the UK we have now moved into the next phase of learning to live safely with Covid in our everyday lives. Schools no longer offer routine testing for Covid and thanks to our very successful vaccination programme and increased medical knowledge most cases of Covid are now proving to be very mild.

We would like to take this opportunity to outline the care and support that Pippa's Guardians will offer your child if they develop Covid whilst they are under our care in the UK. We appreciate it may be a worrying time for you so we want to reassure you that every care will be given to make sure your child is as comfortable and happy as possible.

If your child is suffering with Covid at either school or at a host family, please be reassured we will be in contact with them remotely on a regular basis to see how they are feeling and to see if there is any additional support we can offer to them.

Your Pippa's Guardians Area Manager will be available to support you and your child every step of the way.

What will happen if my child develops Covid at school?

If your child develops symptoms and becomes unwell at school, they will be cared for in the school medical facility until they are feeling well again. During this time your Area Manager will be in regular remote contact with school and your child to check how they are feeling so they can report back to you in a timely manner. Government guidance states that after three days, if they feel well enough and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower and they will be allowed back to join in with daily school life. Many children may only have mild cold symptoms which can be treated by their school matron, and they can carry on their school life as normal. In exceptional circumstances where a school cannot care for your child, Pippa's Guardians will be able to look after your child in a host family.

What will happen if my child develops Covid at a Host Family?

If your child develops symptoms and becomes unwell whilst they are in a host family we will work with our host family to ensure your child is given the best possible care. We will take any medical advice needed from our NHS service and we will make sure your child is as comfortable as possible whilst they are unwell. Our wonderful host families care greatly for your child and with the back-up and support from your Area Manager we will make sure you are kept updated on your child's health in a timely manner.

What will happen if my child is due to fly home at the end of term but develops Covid?

If your child should need to be cared for when their school is shut over a holiday period then please be reassured that Pippa's Guardians will provide a suitable host family for your child to rest and recover with for as long as is needed.