

## **Covid-19 Information for parents**

- Any child who has had ANY of the three COVID symptoms must self-isolate and get tested. They can only return to the school if they have completed 10 days isolation OR had a negative test result. Their household must isolate for 14 days from start of symptoms unless there is a negative test result.
- COVID symptoms in children are most likely to be mild. So if symptoms resolve quickly or are mild, then we still cannot rule out COVID. Sometimes NHS111 will tell a parent that they don't think a child has COVID because symptoms were mild/resolved. While it is unlikely that the child has COVID, guidance says that these children do still need to get tested and isolate. In order to protect staff and other children, schools and nurseries are advised to stick to the guidance.
- If the parent/carer refuses to get the child tested, then the child must not attend the school/EY setting until the 10 day isolation is completed. The family should also isolate for 14 days.
- Schools should not ask for a note from a GP to confirm COVID symptoms, unless there is a pre-existing condition that explains the symptoms and the school requires evidence (e.g. post-nasal drip that cause a recurrent cough)

## **Link to Camden & Islington Public Health locally developed NHS Test and Trace slides for schools**

- Islington link: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/support-and-guidance-during-covid-19/useful-guidance-and-resources-covid-19/test-and-trace-for-local-organisations>