# Useful resources to support caring for children during COVID-19

## Assessing the unwell child

Frequently asked questions for GPs assessing febrile children

* COVID-19 is rarely the cause of sickness in children
* Assess the child remotely; ***‘talk before you walk’***
* Then see the child face-to-face if you need to

## Dr Liz Whittaker sharing some advice for GPs who are seeing children with fever

<https://vimeo.com/458197692/3d575c8691>

## Guidance for GPs who are assessing children remotely

[*https://what0-18.nhs.uk/professionals/childrens-nurses/clinical-pathways-remote-assessment*](https://what0-18.nhs.uk/professionals/childrens-nurses/clinical-pathways-remote-assessment)

## A traffic light approach to out-of-hospital management of illness in children

NICE traffic light approach

[*https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng143/resources/support-for-education-and-learning-educational-resource-traffic-light-table-pdf-6960664333*](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng143/resources/support-for-education-and-learning-educational-resource-traffic-light-table-pdf-6960664333)

[*https://cks.nice.org.uk/topics/feverish-children-risk-assessment/*](https://cks.nice.org.uk/topics/feverish-children-risk-assessment/)

## Testing for COVID-19

\*\*Children do not need testing for diagnostic purposes\*\*

Testing is useful (currently) for public health but is *not necessary* for clinical management of the individual. Where children report symptoms, please inform their parents that they should apply to have a coronavirus (COVID-19) test for public health test and trace purposes. These are available to all ages (including under-5s) online via the NHS portal, or by calling 119 (the new number for NHS Test and Trace). 111 remains the number for all other non-emergencies. Please consult the government website for guidance on testing: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>.

## Advice for parents during coronavirus