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Dear parents and carers,

Schools and Covid

Schools are now open for the autumn term, and have welcomed back all the children.

If your child becomes unwell, you may sometimes find it hard to decide whether it is okay to send them in to school.

The children's doctors in North West London have come up with advice to help you decide whether to send your children in to school (see below).

Where the guidance says 'high temperature' that means 37.8 degrees centigrade or higher.

Remember

- If your child has COVID-19 symptoms, keep home from school. Dial 119 or use www.gov.uk/coronavirus for a COVID test. Self-isolate until you have the results.
- If no test is possible, isolate as per government guidelines. GPs/A&E can't provide COVID testing or a letter to allow return to school.
- Make sure your children are up to date with all their childhood immunisations (jabs), as diseases like measles and mumps are still around. If you aren't sure whether they're up to date with their jabs, ask your GP or practice nurse.

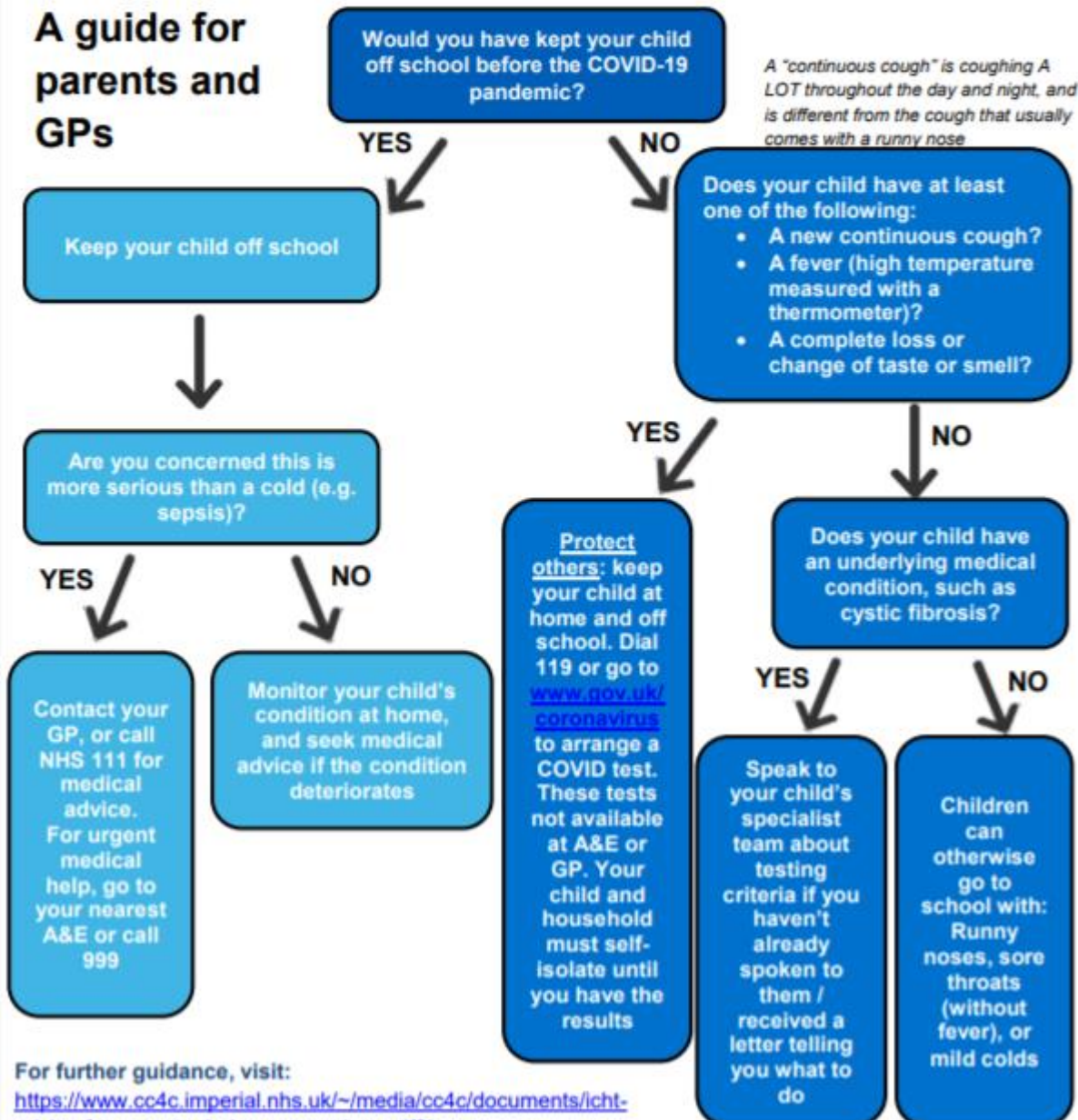
Your sincerely,



Dr Nicola Lang

Should I send my child to school?

**A guide for
parents and
GPs**



A "continuous cough" is coughing A LOT throughout the day and night, and is different from the cough that usually comes with a runny nose

For further guidance, visit:
<https://www.cc4c.imperial.nhs.uk/~media/cc4c/documents/licht-advice-for-parents-during-coronavirus.pdf?la=en>

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