We have recently received the following Local Authority notice.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE FOR SCHOOLS TO CHILDREN PRESENTING WITH NON-COVID TYPICAL SYMPTOMS

In addition to the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms, if a child or adult experiences sickness / diarrhoea, headaches, unexplained tiredness, muscle and body aches, nasal congestion and a sore throat, they should be advised to speak to the school before attending. An outcome of this conversation may be an agreement to self-isolate at home for 48 hours and to request a test if symptoms persist or worsen. If the test if returned negative and the child/adult has been diarrhoea and fever free for 48 hours, they can return to school.

This update has been provided, based on Public Health advice, as we have had reports from a number of settings where people have had these minor symptoms and then subsequently tested positive, so we are suggesting that schools may wish to use this approach as a preventative measure as it may reduce the need to have a whole bubble or year group having to isolate.