



14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Unfortunately, we have had confirmed cases of COVID-19 within your child's class. After speaking to our Local Wirral Hub today, we have been advised to inform you of this due to it being more than one case.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

School remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Close contacts in schools are now identified by [NHS Test and Trace](#) and education settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing.

All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test. They will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and provided details about self-isolation.

### **Symptoms**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are...

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

However, very often children do not have any symptoms or display different symptoms.

If your child is feeling unwell LFT tests or PCR tests will help to confirm if it is or isn't Covid.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

### **How to stop COVID-19 spreading**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

*Do*

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

### **Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Over the next few days, we will continue to adhere to our Covid Risk Assessment, and put our Covid Management Plan in place if we need to. Hopefully, there will be no further cases in your child's class.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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