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	 <b>YES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test, <u>NOT</u> a Lateral Flow test.</b></li> <li><b>If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.</b></li> <li><b>If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test.</b></li> </ul>

We will be continuing to ensure that we all stay as safe as possible in school by making sure we wash and sanitise our hands regularly, the rooms are well ventilated (yet remain at a comfortable temperature) and that surfaces are cleaned regularly. However, there are indicators which will suggest if any additional actions need to be taken, these are as follows:

Number of Cases	Description	Actions
 <p><b>A single child tests Positive</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.</li> <li>There are fewer than 3 cases (or 10%) in the class.</li> <li>No other year groups are affected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it.</li> <li>The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts.</li> <li>Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track &amp; Trace and advised to book at PCR Test.</li> <li><b>Children who are close contacts do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid symptoms.</b></li> </ul>
 <p><b>10% of the children or staff in a single class/club test positive within 10 days.</b></p> <p><b>This would be 2 or 3 children or staff in a single class, depending on the size of the class.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been 3 cases (or 2 in our smaller classes) of Covid within a class within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>As above for each positive case.</b></li> <li>The school will discuss the possible outbreak with Public Health and may plan to temporarily strengthen protective measures, depending on their advice. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adapting, limiting, or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances</li> <li>- Using video links in classrooms for assemblies</li> <li>- Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors &amp; communal areas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

 <p><b>Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Despite the measures put in place, Covid cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid is spreading more widely throughout the school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school will discuss the possible outbreak with Public Health to agree further measures, which depending on their advice, may include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Re-introducing class bubbles</li> <li>- Limiting non-essential visitors to school</li> <li>- Postponing non-essential events</li> <li>- Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes</li> <li>- Clinically Vulnerable staff meeting to review their individual risk assessment and discuss additional protective measures</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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School will also be advised of any additional actions which need to take place due to the numbers of Covid cases in the local community:

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p><b>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days</li> <li>Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable</li> <li>Hospitalisation/ deaths due to Covid nationally are low</li> </ul>	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminding children of good hand hygiene</li> <li>Ensuring good ventilation where practical</li> <li>Ensuring children and staff stay at home and book at PCR test if they have Covid symptoms.</li> </ul> <p>Staff have been advised to continue to test using Lateral flow tests until the end of September, when this will be reviewed.</p>
 <p><b>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community</li> <li>Wirral Local Authority / Public Health issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large indoor public performance audience numbers reduced</li> <li>Visitors to school are limited</li> <li>Staff-room capacity is reduced</li> <li>Whole-school assemblies are replaced with classroom assemblies</li> <li>Clinically Vulnerable staff meet to review their individual risk assessment &amp; discuss additional protective measures</li> </ul>

**The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed.**