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Dear Parent/Carer

We have been asked by Staffordshire County Council to update parents/carers regarding Covid Testing and precautionary symptoms.

You may have seen in the news recently that Staffordshire will be increasing the testing of residents in a bid to identify more cases of Covid-19 and reduce the spread of infection.

Staffordshire County Council is one of several authorities to sign up for early roll out of new rapid turnaround tests.

Staffordshire County Council are also expanding their advice around when to get a test.

Currently, anyone who has one of the main symptoms of persistent cough, high temperature, new cough or loss of taste or smell must self-isolate immediately and book a test.

However, with many people displaying other symptoms, we are asking residents in Staffordshire to consider getting tested as a precaution if they have other symptoms such as:

- Headaches
- Aches and pains
- Feeling very tired for no good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Sometimes 'tummy ache' in children

People with any of the above symptoms can carry on going to school or work if they are well enough to do so and only need to self-isolate if the test comes back positive.

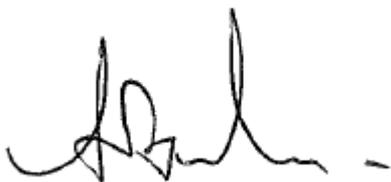
We have been asked to communicate this to our parents/carers by Staffordshire County Council, as often children with Covid-19 can display different symptoms to adults. We want to ensure as many people as possible consider getting a test, even if it is merely a precaution.

The national testing centres across the county have good availability, and can be booked through the [NHS website](#). People booking a test though this website need to check the 'My council has asked me to get a test' option.

Staffordshire County Council also have community testing sites that change on a weekly basis. People can view if there are any sites set up near them by visiting their [testing website](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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