



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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19 November 2020

Dear parent/carer,

We hope that you are well.

This week we have received a letter from Staffordshire County Council, who have asked us to share the information below with you in relation to Covid-19.

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 these 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 are asking all education providers to communicate this to their parents, 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 through this website need to check the 'My council has asked me to get a test' option. 2.

We 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 our testing website.

Although this represents a few changes from previous Governmental guidelines, it is important to note the section beneath the list which states that:

"People with any of these 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."

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If they are well enough, please continue to bring your child to school unless they display the main symptoms of: a new persistent cough, high temperature, or loss of sense of taste or smell. Or, of course, test positive, or have to self-isolate. We know that this advice is different, but please don't be alarmed and remember that the new list of symptoms do not automatically mean that your child has Covid-19, it could be any number of illnesses which are common, especially at this time of year. This is simply a precautionary step from the County Council.

Being Neighbourly

May we kindly request that parents/carers do not park in the parking spaces next to the newer houses opposite the front of school. These spaces belong to the residents. By parking there, it is the same as someone parking in your driveway at home.

We have been contacted by one of the residents who has expressed real frustration that people are parking in the private space which belongs to them. This area may be a car park, but it is a private one for the homeowners. Please can we urge people not to park here (even if for just a few minutes) – we are sure that you will agree that it is not fair. We don't want anyone in our community to be upset by something entirely avoidable and we are able to play a part in this. As you know, we have staggered start and finish times at the moment and by following these we also reduce the need to be waiting around.

Please stay safe,

Mr A. Brayford

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