



Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing with the latest update, which we have received from Staffordshire County Council, with regard to the symptoms of covid-19.

The current advice is that anyone who has one of the main symptoms of: a new persistent cough, high temperature, or loss of or change in taste or smell, must stay at home (self-isolate) and book a test.

In addition, Staffordshire County Council are advising that people showing other symptoms, (listed below), consider getting a test as a precaution, due to the high number of cases in this area.

Possible symptoms:

- Headache;
- Aches and pains;
- Feeling very tired for no good reason;
- Sore throat;
- Sneezing;
- Sometimes 'tummy ache' in children.

We have been advised that if you, or your children have any of these symptoms, **you can and should carry on coming** to school, or work, if you are well enough to do so. You only need to self-isolate if a test comes back positive. We appreciate that this guidance has changed and we will continue to update you, to help keep our Great Wood families safe.

If you are concerned and require a covid test, the national testing centres across Staffordshire have good availability, and can be booked through the <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. People booking a test through this website need to check the 'My council has asked me to get a test' option.

Please can we also remind you about our social distancing guidelines;

- Maintain social distancing, 2 meters.
- Do not congregate on school grounds.
- Please wear a face mask if you wish to.
- Only one family member to drop children off and pick children up from school.
- Do not enter the school building.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in these difficult times. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Stay safe,
The Great Wood Team