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## NEWSLETTER

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2020** The Next Fortnight for School and Nursery

23<sup>rd</sup> Provisional Y2 Phonics Test  
Interim Autumn reports to parents (via dojo and/or print)

### Looking Forward

#### Assembly for those self-isolating.

If your children are missing school because they are having to self-isolate then you are welcome to attend our assemblies using the following Zoom links. Please keep your microphones turned off if you do join us.

##### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> @ 09.15 – Story Assembly**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89434220024?pwd=U2RlMFhWREJlSzA5K0ZWRGRhSFpqdz09>

Meeting ID: 894 3422 0024

Passcode: 0tQWr4

##### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> @ 09.15 – Merit Assembly**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83841425037?pwd=Ukc0THpOYitTSnhMNEdraU1Ud3p6UT09>

Meeting ID: 838 4142 5037

Passcode: Aij0T0

### Looking Back

#### Children in Need.

Thanks to all – we raised £310.45 for worthy causes.

As always, I will always do my best to speak to you about any concerns you may have on the day so please feel free to approach me, either on the playground or book an appointment if you prefer.

Mr B Wilken

### More Below...

## Other Information Sources and Signposts

### Staffordshire County Council Survey.

SCC have asked me to signpost this survey request for parents.

<https://tinyurl.com/y2ane8hu>

Calling all parents and prospective parents.....we need your views!

This year has been like no other for everyone and we know that parents with young children have faced a great deal of disruption with more to come unfortunately.

Each year we carry out detailed information sharing with childcare providers and schools, but we need to get your views too.

We would like to know about your experiences using childcare so that we can help to support parents better and make sure that the childcare on offer meets your needs.

### Testing for other symptoms

#### Precautionary symptoms

With many people displaying other symptoms, residents in Staffordshire are now also being asked 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.

More information can be found on our [Test and Trace page](#).

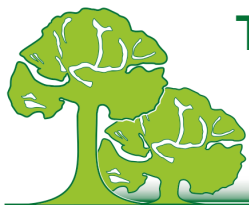
Staffordshire are advising residents to go for testing with the symptoms mentioned in last week's newsletter.

**You must inform Test and Trace that the Local Authority has requested you to test as part of their management of localised outbreaks.**

[Site 1 – Guidance](#)

[Site 2 – Booking \(via SCC\)](#)

**More Below... Letter from Staffordshire County Council for headteachers but a message for parents**



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Our Ref: JP/TK 052

Date: 16 November 2020

Dear Education Leader

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.

We are one of several local authorities to sign up for early roll out of new rapid turnaround tests, and there may be an opportunity to use these in sixth forms for schools and colleges that are interested.

We are also expanding our 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:

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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. 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](#).

The advice supersedes the symptom checker chart we sent you a few weeks ago, please disregard this chart from now on. Thank you for all your help.

Yours sincerely

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