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Dear Parents,

Today we have received a letter from Staffordshire County Council with information we have been asked to share with you.

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. As a result, they have expanded their advice around when to get a test and they want to ensure as many people as possible consider getting a test, *even if it is merely a precaution.*

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, they 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 **should still 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.**

They assure us that the national testing centres across the county have good availability, and can be booked through the NHS website. They are advising booking a test through this website and selecting the 'My council has asked me to get a test' option.

Kind regards,

E.Ingram

Head Teacher