

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Dear Scientia Families

We have received new advice, from Staffordshire County Council, for all families in Staffordshire regarding when to get a COVID-19 Test.

- 1. Currently anyone who has the main symptoms of persistent cough, high temperature, new cough or loss of smell or taste must self-isolate immediately and book a test. This advice has not changed.**
2. However, with many people displaying other symptoms, they are asking that you consider getting tested as a precaution if you or your children display these symptoms:
  - Headaches
  - Aches and pains
  - Feeling very tired for no good reason
  - Sore throat
  - Runny nose
  - Sneezing
  - Sometimes 'tummy ache' in children

**If you or your child display any of these symptoms you can carry on going to school or work if well enough to do so and only need to self-isolate if the test comes back positive. We will not be sending home children for these new symptoms if they are displayed at school.**

Tests can be booked through the NHS website, if you book your test through this, you need to check the 'My council has asked me to get a test' option.

You can also go to a community testing site, the location of these can be found at: <https://staffordshire.zipporah.co.uk/TrackAndTrace>

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the school office: [office@scientia-academy.org.uk](mailto:office@scientia-academy.org.uk), or 01283 248100

Kindest Regards

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