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# Blackfriars Bulletin

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This is an **extra bulletin** because I wanted to share some important information with you from the Local Authority, update you on where we are up to as a school and share with you our Children in Need total and the fantastic efforts of some of our students.



**Children in Need**

Children in Need: We raised a magnificent

**£181**

thank you everyone.

## Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response :  
0800 1313 126  
Outside office hours:  
0845 6042886

Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:  
01782 235100  
Outside office hours:  
01782 234234

Cheshire East

Referral Team :  
0300 123 5012 Option 2  
Outside office hours:  
0300 123 5022

Shropshire

Referral Team:  
01743 254 259  
Initial Contact Team:  
0345 678 9021  
Outside office hours:  
0345 678 9040

## Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response –  
0845 604 2719

Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care –  
0800 561 0015



Blackfriars has had a slightly better week this week, we have only had to close 1 class, Wedgwood. However, as more and more cases emerge in the community and our own staff have to take time off to self-isolate or look after their own children who are isolating, it is becoming increasingly challenging. I do always follow the advice that I receive from Public Health England but I ask you to bear with us – sometimes we have to wait for results or are advised to close as precautionary measures – each situation is treated by them and us individually. Our mission is to keep as many children in school as possible, which is why the information below is especially important.

I wanted to draw your attention to an initiative that Staffordshire is running to try to gain a better picture of what is happening in the local authority. They have said:

We are one of several local authorities to sign up for early roll out of new rapid turnaround tests. 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;\_

- 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.

Parents are asked to particularly take note of these symptoms 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

Try <https://staffordshire.zipporah.co.uk/TrackAndTrace>

## Welcome to the Staffordshire and Stoke- on-Trent Community Test Sites Appointment System

### Book your COVID-19 test

If you or someone you live with has any coronavirus symptoms, you can book a test using this service.

**If you are non-symptomatic you can be tested in Staffordshire this week**

***PLEASE NOTE*** Appointments are available to book 48 hours in advance.

Book Your Test

OR

type into Google Search– Covid test and look for

www.gov.uk > ... > Testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) ▾

**Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK**

What the **test** involves. The **test** involves taking a swab of the inside of your nose and the back of your throat, using a long cotton bud. You can ...

**Click the link and follow the instructions below (Next Page)**

## Scholar of the Week

Two students from **Portmeirion** have been nominated: **Josh** has produced some amazing dance music in ICT. It was so good! What a DJ! And **Tom** for his amazing questions and hard work in Science.

**Gladstone** students' **Chara** and **Eleanor** have been nominated. Chara has taken William under her wing and is being really supportive of him in PE, as is Eleanor. Both are praising him for good work and being kind and supportive of him. Well done girls.

**Ethan** from **Moorcroft** who has been working really hard at home working on his reading book and textured map, well done Ethan

# Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus

Scroll down and Click

[Start now >](#)

## Does the person who needs a test have coronavirus symptoms?

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- new, continuous cough
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

Yes, at least one of these symptoms

No, none of these symptoms

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# Is the person who needs a test an essential worker?

Essential workers include NHS staff, teachers and transport staff. Check the [full list of essential workers on GOV.UK](#).

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

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# Is the person who needs a test part of a trial or government pilot project?

For example, they live or work in Liverpool and are taking part in city-wide testing

- Yes
- No

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# Why are you asking for a test?

- I've been told to get another coronavirus test
- I'm ordering for someone I live with who has coronavirus symptoms
- My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms
- I'm part of the National Tactical Response Group (NTRG), or someone I live with is
- None of the above

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