

Council news round-up

Your weekly guide to the latest news

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **COVID 19, Local Outbreak Control and Management**

The Environmental Health Team are now ready to respond to any local outbreaks as part of Staffordshire's Outbreak Control Plan. The team are now responding on call, including out of hours to any outbreaks in local community settings. These could include warehouses, food processing premises, places of worship or take-aways. In collaboration with other Environmental Health teams across Staffordshire we are establishing Standard Operating procedures to respond to such incidents. Other County Health Protection teams are responding to outbreaks in care homes, schools and prisons. At the time of writing South Staffordshire has the lowest number of incidents of any local authority in Staffordshire and is currently the authority of least concern.

- **Super Saturday**

Environmental Health and Licensing have been proactively contacting businesses in the hospitality industry and responding to requests for advice in advance of opening over the weekend. Fortunately, complaints regarding compliance have been very few and great implementation of the COVID secure guidelines has been observed. The team have contacted or visited over 700 businesses in relation to COVID.

Webinars have been developed to assist businesses with reopening, and a further webinar is planned for next week to advise Parish Councils on reopening their facilities, and how to look after their play areas.

The team have also acted critical friends to colleagues working on the leisure centre re-openings.

- **Summer Bookstart Sessions**

Bear Club Bookstart sessions – are aimed at children 12-30 months to promote language development are being held during July/August. These sessions are free. Please access the link [here](#) for more information.

Everyone is encouraged to submit news items, please email: comms@sstaffs.gov.uk