

23rd October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 and Y10 students in our school have been invited to take part in an important study to monitor infection and transmission of coronavirus within schools.

We are pleased to let you know that our school is one of only 150 schools in England that will be taking part in this COVID-19 Schools Infection Survey. This study is being led by Public Health England, Office for National Statistics and London Schools of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

Your child is eligible to receive virus and antibody tests for COVID-19 during every half term within the 2020/21 school year once they are enrolled. Please read the attached information sheet to find out more about the study and how the tests will be taken in the school.

Over the half term holidays you will receive a letter with a link to a webpage that will ask you to enrol your child onto this study. Please check our website for this letter to enable you to register your child in time.

To take part in this study you will need to register your child before the end of 30 October 2020.

Please watch the video below and read the accompanying information to learn more:

<https://vimeo.com/467359125/22bbe81c3b>

You can also find answers to some of the frequently asked questions on the Office for National Statistics [survey information page](#).

If you have any questions regarding the study, please telephone IQVIA on 0800 917 9679. The information gathered is crucial to understand the role of schools in coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission.

Yours faithfully



Mrs G Trattles
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's school is taking part in a study to monitor infection and transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) in a sample of primary and secondary schools.

Why are we doing this study?

We want to find out how many school pupils and staff have COVID-19 infection, how many have already developed antibodies against the virus and how this changes over the course of the year. The information we collect will help inform policies to protect school pupils and staff.

The study is being conducted by Public Health England in partnership with the Office for National Statistics, and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, working with the Department for Education and is funded by the Department for Health and Social Care. IQVIA, a healthcare company, are also supporting the study.

What does the study involve?

If you would like your child to take part, we would like you to complete a consent form and a short questionnaire about each of your children invited and all other household members. Once this is completed, your child will be enrolled into the study. The study workers will visit your child's school twice before Christmas and then once every half term of the current school year to collect a nasal swab and an oral fluid (saliva) sample to test for the virus and antibodies against the virus.

The study is voluntary, you or your child does not have to take part and you can withdraw from any round of testing without giving a reason.

How can my child take part?

Complete the steps below on your computer, tablet or smartphone

1. Click into this link. This will be sent to you week commencing 26th October
2. Read the attached information about the study and what it means for your child and your family.
3. Complete and submit the online consent form and questionnaire – your child will be enrolled in the study when the consent form and questionnaire is completed and submitted.

If you have any questions, please contact the IQVIA helpline on 0800 917 9679 or email schoolinfectionsurvey@nhs.net if you are unable to use a telephone.

Thank you for contributing to this important study. Your help will inform policies to manage risks of transmission in schools and identify ways to protect children and staff.

Yours faithfully,



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