

Dear Parent,

Thank you for the continued participation of your child in the COVID-19 Schools Infection Survey (SIS).

Your participation is invaluable, as the results of the SIS study aim to keep everyone safe from the virus and so keep our schools open.

The next round of SIS tests takes place shortly, and we have some important updates: -

- 1 The study workers will visit your child's school to collect a nasal swab and an oral fluid (saliva) sample to test for the virus and antibodies against the virus.
- 2 They will then visit again in June, after half term. Please ensure your child takes part on each occasion and takes both gentle swabs.
- 3 Every attempt will be made to report any positive nasal swab results to you and your child's school as quickly as possible, ideally within 48 hours of the test.
- 4 All antibody results will be provided after the **last** round of testing. Saliva samples collected in May will only be processed in the lab if they are needed by the analysts. This means you **may not** receive these antibody results, but you **will** receive your antibody results from the round of testing in June. These will be available to you around 8 – 12 weeks after the sample is taken.

Every test makes a difference, so thank you once again for your child's continued participation.

If you have any questions, please contact the IQVIA helpline on **0800 917 9679** or email **iqvia.schoolinfectionsurvey@nhs.net**

Yours faithfully,



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