

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Everyone living, working or learning in Liverpool can now get a free Covid-19 test

The more of us who get tested, the more we can stop the spread of COVID-19 in our city.

Liverpool City Council are inviting the young people in our city to take part in this process. The Life Sciences UTC and The Studio School have been informed that we will be joining the testing programme, likely from the week commencing the 23rd November.

All students aged between Y9 and Y13 years old, where the appropriate recorded consent* is provided, are eligible for the test. We are working in partnership with the NHS and the military to deliver this.

The test involves taking a swab from the back of the throat and nose. This process may be uncomfortable for some people but isn't harmful. In most cases the test will be self-administered, but trained army personnel will be on hand to demonstrate and support.

We ask that you and your child discuss this to see if it is something you would like to participate in. If the appropriate consent* is given, students will be tested twice over a period of about 10 days for COVID-19 as part of a national pilot. The results will be fed into NHS Track and Trace. Individual results will also be held by the school and provided directly to you or your child.

Anyone who tests positive, using either a lateral flow test or an existing swab test, must self-isolate along with their household immediately in accordance with national guidance which can be found [here](#). Those who test negative will need to continue to follow national guidance which can be found [here](#).

We will work with the NHS and the military to ensure safe and suitable systems and processes are used.

Further details about the mass testing pilot can be found here:

<https://liverpoolexpress.co.uk/covid-mass-testing-your-questions-answered/>

To be able to participate in this pilot please complete the attached consent form and return it to your school prior to the tests taking place.

Yours faithfully,

Jill Davies, Principal

*Further information regarding consent can be found at the [NHS website](#) and also at the [CQC website](#)

PARENT/ STUDENT CONSENT FORM

Mass Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing for Coronavirus/Covid-19

Please discuss this form with your child, then complete this form and return it to school by **2020**. If we do not receive this completed form and recorded consent, your child will not be tested.

Students full name (first name and surname):	Home address and postcode:	
Date of birth:	School year:	School form:

Please complete either box below for YES or NO and return the form to the school.	
YES, I give consent to be tested for Coronavirus/ Covid-19	NO, I do not give consent to be tested for Coronavirus/ Covid-19
Name	Name
Signature	Signature
Date	Date
Any comments:	