

Participant Information Sheet

(secondary school students aged 11-15 years)



Help find out who has had coronavirus!

We are carrying out a Schools Infection Survey (SIS) to try and find out how many students and school staff have coronavirus or have had the virus in the past.

We are calling on students and staff in your school to take part by taking a simple test that doesn't hurt.

There are two parts to the study, and we will come to your school to collect the information we need.



1 Nose swab

You will rub a soft cotton bud inside your nose. This shouldn't hurt and will only take a few seconds. We will then test the cotton bud to look for coronavirus.



2 Saliva swab

You will also need to rub a small sponge into your mouth for two minutes, like brushing your teeth. We will then use this to see if you have had coronavirus before.

Join your class on this SIS mission to help keep your friends, family and school safe.

Thank you for thinking about helping us. If you are happy to take part, your help will be really important for us to learn more about coronavirus to keep the country safe.

**You do not have to take part if you don't want to.
You can say no at any time.**

What will we do with your information?

We will need to collect some personal information, including names, dates of birth, contact details and health information for your child and other household members. We need this information to understand the results of the tests that we perform and to contact you to give you the results. If the swab test is positive, we will also inform the school and the NHS Test and Trace programme so that all those who might have come into contact with your child can be traced to stop the spread of the virus.

We will keep all the information securely in accordance with the [General Data Protection Regulations \(GDPR\)](#) and the [Data Protection Act 2018](#). The reports produced will not identify you, your child or anyone in your household.

The ONS has the statutory objective to promote and safeguard the production of official statistics that serve the public good. In order for us to produce statistics we may link the data we obtain through this survey with other survey and administrative data that we hold. [Further information on what we use data for is available](#). All our uses of data will comply with UK Statistics Authority's ethical framework. [Further information on the ethical framework is available](#). The ONS will continue to hold the data collected through this survey for as long as it remains useful for statistical research and production. The ONS may provide access to de-identified data to accredited researchers for accredited research purposes via accredited processing environments, where it is lawful and ethical to do so. When making this de-identified data available we may link the data we obtain through this survey with other survey and administrative data that we hold. Access will only be provided to support valuable new research insights about UK society and the economy that are considered to be in the public good.