

12th November, 2020



Dear Parent/Carer

**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 is inviting the young people in our city to take part in this process.

All students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, where the appropriate recorded consent<sup>1</sup> is provided, are eligible for the test.

This 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.

Liverpool City Council is working in partnership with the NHS and the military to deliver testing at education settings in Liverpool.

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<sup>1</sup> (which can be provided by the student themselves in certain circumstances) 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](#).

This pilot is being run in phases. Liverpool City Council is working with the NHS and the military to ensure safe and suitable systems and processes are used across education settings.

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 us by Monday 16th November. Pre-16 students should hand completed forms into the School Office; post-16 students should hand completed forms to Mrs Gray.

Yours faithfully



Stephen Brierley  
Principal.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Monday 16th November 2020. If we do not receive this completed form and recorded consent, your child will not be tested in school.

Students full name (first name and surname):	Home address and postcode:	
Date of birth:	School year:	School form:
<b>Please complete either box below for YES or NO and return the form to the school.</b>		
<b>YES</b> , I give consent to be tested for Coronavirus/ Covid-19	<b>NO</b> , I do not give consent to be tested for Coronavirus/ Covid-19	
Name	Name	
Signature	Signature	
Date	Date	
Any comments:		