

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.

All children aged between 11 and 18 years old, where the appropriate recorded consent is provided, are eligible for the test. We are inviting the young people in our city to take part in this process.

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 support where needed

We are working in partnership with the NHS and partners to deliver testing at our 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 consent* is given pupils 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.

Anyone who tests positive, using either a lateral flow test or an existing swab test, must self-isolate along with their household immediately. Those who test negative will need to continue to follow all national guidance.

This pilot is being run in phases, starting week beginning 9th November with a small number of locations. We will work with NHS partners and the military to ensure safe and suitable systems and processes are used across education settings. Following this, the testing will be offered more widely.

Further details about the mass testing pilot can be found:

<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 school by Tuesday 10th November. If you are able to print the form and return it on Monday, please do. If not, paper copies will be given to all students on Monday morning to return the following day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Gidman.

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

CONSENT FORM

Mass Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing for Coronavirus/Covid-19

Please discuss this with your child, then complete this form and return it to school by Tuesday 10th November 2020. If we do not receive your recorded consent, your child will not be tested.

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

For students aged 16 and over (Please complete either box below for YES or NO and return form).

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

If 'No' please give reason(s)

**Thank you for completing this form.
Please return it to the school by 10th November 2020**

For students under 16 years old: Consent for Coronavirus/ Covid-19 Test. (Please complete either box below for YES or NO and return the form to school).

YES, I have discussed this with my child and if they are unable to give consent themselves to be tested, I give consent for them to be tested for Coronavirus/ Covid-19	NO. I have discussed this with my child and if they are unable to give consent themselves to be tested, I do not give consent for them to be tested for Coronavirus/ Covid-19
Name	Name
Signature Parent/guardian	Signature Parent/guardian
Date	Date

If 'No' please give reason(s)

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