



Liverpool College

12 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware Liverpool is undertaking a pilot mass testing scheme for Covid 19.

Schools have been asked to facilitate testing taking place on site for pupils in Years 7 to Year 13, where appropriate recorded consent is given.

The council has provided the following information about the testing scheme:

What does the test involve?

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 staff will be on hand to demonstrate and support our pupils.

Next Steps

- 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* (which can be provided by the pupils themselves in certain circumstances) is given, pupils will be tested twice over a period of about 10 days.
- 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 at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>. Those who test negative will need to continue to follow national guidance which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>.

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

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

Please complete the attached form to confirm if you do, or do not, wish your child to participate in the pilot. The form should be returned to your child's Form Tutor no later than Monday 16 November 2020

Your child will not be able to participate in the mass testing pilot if we do not have consent.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (hcassidy@liverpoolcollege.org.uk) if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H Cassidy
Vice Principal

* Further information regarding consent can be found at the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/> and also at the CQC website at https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/Brief_guide_Capacity_and_consent_in_under_18s%20v3.pdf