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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.

We are inviting the young people in our city to take part in this process.

All students aged between Y7 and Y13 years old, where the appropriate recorded consent is provided, are eligible for the test. For Y10 and Y11 the plan is to test on Friday 20th November. Further details to follow.

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.

We are working in partnership with the NHS and the military 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 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](#).

This pilot is being run in phases, starting week beginning 9th November 2020 at a small number of locations. We will work 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 your school by Monday 16th November.

Yours faithfully