



Public Health
England



Office for
National Statistics

LONDON
SCHOOL of
HYGIENE
& TROPICAL
MEDICINE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Your school was selected to take part in the COVID-19 Schools Infection Survey, this is a national study that aims to help experts better understand the virus, and how it is transmitted.

The results of this study will help protect pupils and staff, and have a huge impact on the response to the pandemic across the UK so we would like to say a **huge thank you to those who have already signed up to take part.**

We've had some great feedback from participants, and many of those involved were surprised at how simple, painless and non invasive the tests are. Since the beginning of the study **6 weeks ago, 16,949 people** have enrolled and **19,531 tests were completed across 137 schools.**

As part of the study, and to help experts gain a better understanding of the virus, we are asking you to fill out a questionnaire online.

The answers you provide will help us to understand more about the virus, how it is transmitted, and ways to prevent its transmission at school. So, if you can do so, please return to the registration portal.

1



Log into the portal at: <https://www.oc-meridian.com/CISSchools>. Using your existing credentials – your username is the email address you registered with. Complete the questionnaire which is on your homepage.

2



If your child missed the first two rounds of testing and would like to take part in future testing on the survey, then it's not too late.

To enrol your child online follow the steps on the supplied invite letters, if you no longer have the letter please contact your school for another copy.

Should you have any queries about the questionnaire or how to access the portal, please contact the survey helpline on **0800 917 9679.**

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Shamez Ladhani
Consultant Epidemiologist
Public Health England

Iain Bell
Population and Public Policy
Office for National Statistics

James Hargreaves,
Professor of Epidemiology
and Evaluation
**London Schools of Hygiene
& Tropical Medicine**