

COVID-19 Mapping and Mitigation in Schools (CoMMinS)

Invitation

We are group of scientists at the University of Bristol. We want to find out about COVID-19 in schools. We are asking if you can help us. You need to decide whether to take part. Please read this sheet to help you decide.

Why do we want to find out about Covid in schools?

We want to help schools stop Covid spreading. We want to help schools stay open.

Why have you asked me?

Your school has volunteered. We have asked everyone in your year group.

Do I have to take part?

You do not have to take part. You can decide with your parent or carer. If you say yes, you can change your mind later.

What will it involve?

One of our team will come to your school. They will come every month, for six months. They will show you how to spit into a tube safely. They will take your spit away to test it for Covid. They will also ask you some questions.

Who will know my test results?

If you have Covid, we will tell the Headteacher and another adult in your school. We will tell your parent or carer. We will not tell anyone else in school. We also need to tell the NHS.

What happens if my test is positive?

You will stay at home with you family following government guidance. We will ask your family to do spit tests at home.

Are there any bad things about taking part?

The test and questions take 10 minutes. If your test is positive, you will need to stay at home.

What are the good things about taking part?

If you have Covid, you will know. This will help you not to spread it to other people. It will help to keep your school open.

Will you tell us what you find out?

We will tell your school what we discover. We want some children to help with this – please tell your teacher if you are interested.

Thank you for reading this. If you have any questions, please talk to your parent or carer.