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Dear parents and carers,

ST HILDA'S COVID-19 TESTING FACILITY

St Hilda's has been selected to work with Liverpool City Council, Public Health England and the Army to support mass testing to help us to fight Covid-19. I know from emails today that many of you have already been tested in the community. Please see the letter below which outlines what is happening and why. I know that some of you may feel anxious about you or your son/daughter being tested, and it is your decision, but please give it some careful consideration. We are happy to support this testing on our school site for those of you who want their son or daughter to take part.

Please be assured that only those students for whom we have consent will be tested. *Where possible, please discuss this with your son or daughter before signing the document. There is a link below which you click on to say if you give consent or you don't. Please note that Years 12 and 13 can give their own consent and will be sent this directly. If your child is in Year 12 or 13 it is still advisable to discuss this with them. The form below is only for Years 7-11.*

Any testing is likely to begin on Tuesday onwards and will be overseen by St Hilda's staff and our school nurse team, alongside the Army.

Please look after yourselves and we remember you in our prayers, as always.

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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.

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 electronic consent form below by Monday 9th November.

Please click below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gslUYD0XnE2CnSSqmUfkEOh_iXsM3hxEse5HI1gov01UM1RHMzBFMk5WTFhSR1AzMkdBQ0MwV1dZOS4u



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



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