



# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

COURAGE • COMMITMENT • COMPASSION

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Little Ilford School is one of the few schools across the country to have taken part in the sKIDsPLUS (COVID-19 surveillance in Secondary Schools), which aims to understand infection and transmission of the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, among students and staff in educational settings over the academic year. Their team of healthcare professionals came to school for a day in September, where they successfully took samples from students and staff, and will be returning again in December, and again at the end of the spring and summer terms. **They are reopening the recruitment to allow for more students and staff members to enrol should they wish to.**

Taking part will involve your child providing a nose swab, an oral fluid (saliva) sample and a blood sample. Please click on the link below to find out more about sKIDsPLUS and what taking part will involve. All students taking part will be offered local anaesthetic (numbing) cream before the blood test is taken.

**Please note, if your child already took part in the tests in school last September, you do not need to sign up again, your child will automatically be called for their second test.**

Please find further information of the study here: <https://youtu.be/TBsZM2IRATk>

If you are interested in your child taking part, please click on the link below to find out more about sKIDsPLUS and what taking part will involve. Participation is on a first come, first serve basis and there is a limit of 225 children per school.

sKIDsPLUS for registration for parents/guardians of children under 16:

<https://snapsurvey.phe.org.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=160502944475>

**Please do not share this link with anyone else - it is meant for your child only.**

You must complete both the online consent form and questionnaire to take part - this should take less than 10 minutes, and you will be sent a confirmation email in return.

If you agree to take part, we will email you the date of the first visit. The closing date for enrolment is **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 10pm.**

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Set out below is a guide to signing up your child for the tests. If you have any questions, please contact: [skidsplus@phe.gov.uk](mailto:skidsplus@phe.gov.uk) or via the sKIDsPLUS homepage: <https://snapsurvey.phe.org.uk/skidsplus>

#### STEP BY STEP GUIDE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS UNDER 16 YEARS

1. Click the link: <https://snapsurvey.phe.org.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=160502944475>
2. On first page, select your child's school from the drop down menu, click Next.
3. This will take you to the Participant Information sheet, please read this carefully and contact the team if you have any questions before proceeding. If you are happy click Next.
4. This page gives the eligibility criteria, confirm whether your child is eligible by clicking Yes or No.
5. If yes, this takes you to the consent form. Read the statements carefully and tick the box below to indicate whether you agree to participate or not. There is also an optional extra to **opt out** of using leftover blood for future research.
6. Next is a short questionnaire for you to complete on behalf of your child.
7. If you have any questions or problems throughout the registration process, contact us at [skidsplus@phe.gov.uk](mailto:skidsplus@phe.gov.uk)