



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Our school is taking part in the sKIDsPLUS COVID-19 in Secondary Schools and Colleges, which aims to understand infection and transmission of Covid-19, among students and staff in educational settings.

Taking part will involve the participant providing a nose swab, a throat swab, an oral fluid (saliva) sample and a blood sample at the beginning of the first term and then at the end of each term (overall 4 tests). The nose/throat swabs will be able to pick up a student with Covid infection even when they are well. The blood sample is the antibody test which will show immunity levels. The doctors and nurses who will come to the school to take the samples will adhere to and follow all public health guidelines.

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. This will happen in school, during the school day.

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=159865735744>

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. If you agree to take part, we will email you the date of the first visit which will be in the week beginning Monday 28th September.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: skidsplus@phe.gov.uk or via the sKIDsPLUS homepage <https://snapsurvey.phe.org.uk/skidsplus>

Thank you for your time,

Mr R Bansal

Deputy Headteacher

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STEP BY STEP GUIDE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF STUDENTS UNDER 16 YEARS

1. Click the link: <https://snapsurvey.phe.org.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=159865735744>
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