

Covid19 Mapping and Mitigation in Schools (CoMMInS)

Household Study



Invitation

We are a group of scientists at the University of Bristol. We want to find out about Covid in schools and homes. 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 and homes?

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



Why have you asked me?

Your spit sample taken at school tested positive for Covid. We would like to check other people you know to see if they might also have Covid. You may also be asked to be part of this study if someone else in your house tested positive (a brother or sister or an adult who works in a school).

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?

Every week for four weeks a test kit will be sent to your home. You and your family will each spit into a tube, just like you did at school (if you were part of the Schools Study). Your parent or carer will send the kit back to the researchers. The samples will be used to check whether anyone has Covid or whether anyone has had it in the past and got better.



Who will know my test results?

We will tell your parent or carer the results of the test. We may tell your Headteacher.



Are there any bad things about taking part?

The test and questions take 10 minutes.



What are the good things about taking part?

If your family members take part they will find out if they have Covid. This will help you not to spread it to other people and will help to keep your school open.

Will you tell us what you find out?

We will tell your school what we find out about Covid. 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.



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If you would like to take part, or need further information, you can find out more on our study website <https://commins.org.uk/> or email the study team commins-study@bristol.ac.uk.

