



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

National Covid-19 Infection Study

(London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine/Public Health England and Office for National Statistics). N.B. This is a national research programme and is separate from the mass testing in schools programme which is being rolled out from January 2021 by the Department of Education. Your daughter has the opportunity to be involved in both or either.

Please find attached a flyer containing details of the link to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine/Public Health England and Office for National Statistics covid research survey that St. Anthony's and St. Aidan's have been taking part in since November 2020. Initially we were asked to involve two consecutive year groups. St. Aidan's and St. Anthony's chose Y9 and Y10 as our older students were heavily involved in external examinations and many of our younger students were very new to school.

We now have the opportunity to expand the programme to Y7 and Y8. Those enrolling at this stage of the testing will have a pack delivered to their home to complete and return directly to the LSHTM for testing. It is envisaged that all future tests will be carried out in school.

Enrolling gives both a further testing opportunity (in addition to the January 2021 mass testing initiative) and also a very important opportunity to be part of on-going, important national research linked to the Oxford vaccine. If you would like your daughter to take part, please do sign up on-line by 27th January at the very latest.





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All of Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 have been invited to participate in the LSHTP research programme. If you are in Y9 and Y10 and did not sign up last time then please do consider signing up this time. The team at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine were absolutely delighted with the take up of students and staff to take part in the research, the organisation within school and the impact that the evidence we provided had on monitoring local infection rates and important national research to combat covid-19.

Yours sincerely,

M. Shepherd.

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