

Dear Parent/Carer,



Thank you to you and your child for taking part in the COVID-19 Schools Infection Survey (SIS) over the past academic year.

Your participation has been invaluable, and the results of the SIS study have contributed to keeping everyone safe from the virus.

If you have received a home test kit, **please carry out the testing as soon as possible and send in the post before your child finishes school for the summer holidays. Every test makes a difference and is crucial for the study findings.**

You should have received an email recently inviting you to complete the End of Study questionnaire. We would greatly appreciate if you could take the time to **complete the questionnaire by 26th July 2021**. The information is important in helping us interpret your child's test results, and it will contribute to the COVID-19 control efforts.

If you have not received the email, you can also find the questionnaire by logging into the portal **www.oc-meridian.com/CISSchools**. Using your existing log-in details – your username is the email address you registered with. The questionnaire is on the homepage.

From 26th July 2021 the online portal will become view only, therefore you will only be able to view your child's test results from this date onwards and no longer be able to complete any outstanding questionnaires.

If you have any questions, **please contact the IQVIA helpline on 0800 917 9679** or email **iqvia.schoolinfectionsurvey@nhs.net**. The helpline will remain open following the final testing round this term and will be managed by a reduced number of staff.

Thank you once again for contributing to this important study. Your help will inform policies to manage risks of transmission in schools and identify ways to protect children and staff going forward.

Yours faithfully,



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