

SICK OF HOME SCHOOLING?

HELP KEEP STUDENTS IN SCHOOL / COLLEGE!

Our school/college is taking part in a trial of Daily Contact Testing (DCT). If successful, the results of this trial could end the need for students to self-isolate when a Positive Case is found in their bubble, and would allow the Close Contacts to do daily testing and continue in face to face education.

The trial is split into two groups. The group our school is in are not doing DCT right now. We are in the all-important Control Group. To be successful, the trial must show that **DCT is as good as self-isolation** for preventing the spread of COVID-19. This is done by comparing the group of schools doing DCT with the group who are not (Control Group).

For this to succeed, we need you to take part! This means the student taking **two extra**PCR tests while self-isolating. These tests are for research only – they are not reported to NHS Test and Trace and the results are available on request 2 weeks later. (They don't replace normal testing, and anyone with symptoms should get an NHS PCR). By taking part in this trial, you will not have to self-isolate over and above current government guidelines.

As an extra incentive, schools and colleges in the Control Group who have the highest rates of **returning PCR swabs from Close Contacts** (if there is a COVID-19 case) will receive a prize of £5000 to spend on enrichment activity for the school.

By giving your consent and taking part, you will be playing a vital role in helping find an alternative to self-isolation for our country in the future!

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