

## Information Sheet for Children (6-9 Years)

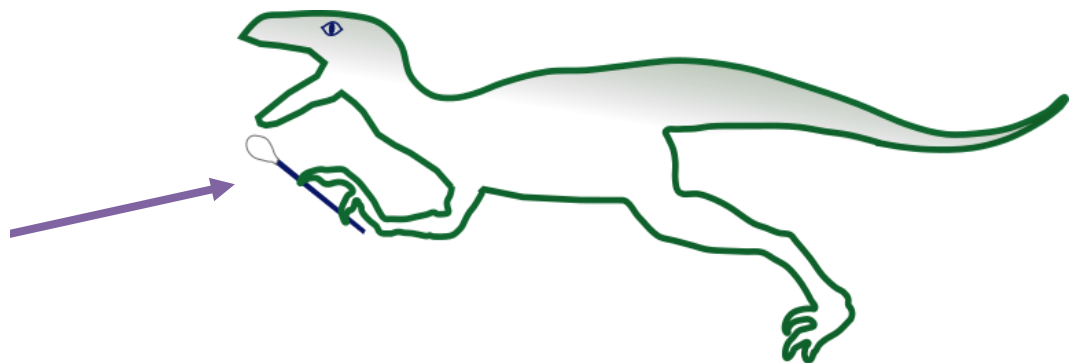
To be shown and read by parent/carer if required

We would like to invite you to take part in a **research study**. This is **your choice**! The study is about **coronavirus** or COVID-19. We want to know which **tests** are the best to help stop the spread of the infection.

If you want to be involved then today you will have one or two **swabs of your nose or mouth**. This is a bit of cotton wool on the end of a stick which goes inside the back of your mouth or nose for a few seconds. It doesn't hurt but might be **a little uncomfortable**.

We have included **lots of information** to help answer any questions you or your mum, dad or carer might have. Please **ask your doctor or nurse** if you have any more questions or you do not understand the information.

Our mascot  
RAPTOR -  
holding a swab!



## Before you begin

We are asking you whether you and your family would like to take part in a research study. Before you decide if you would like to take part, it is really important you understand what this study is about and why it is being done. Read this leaflet carefully. If something isn't clear, or you have questions, ask your parents or carer to help you, or come to us and we'll explain

## What is a research study?

- A research study is a way for scientists to find out whether a new test works.



## Why is this study being done?

- You have probably heard about coronavirus (or COVID-19) in the news. Doctors need to know who has the virus and who does not, so that they know who might need treatment.
- Coronavirus can make you cough. You might have a high temperature as well. You might also lose your smell or taste. Lots of other bugs can do the same, so we don't know what is making you feel ill without a test.
- We can test for coronavirus in lots of different ways. Most tests start by popping a bit of cotton wool on a stick – called a swab - into your nose or mouth. We may have to wait a few minutes or a few days to get your results. We don't know if these different tests all give the same answer – they should! This is what we're trying to find out.

## Why have I been asked to take part?

Your family or your doctor or nurse thinks that you may have coronavirus.

## Is this study OK for me to do?

This study has been checked by lots of people to make sure that it is safe for you to take part.



## Do I have to say yes?

No – not at all. It's up to you! Just say if you don't want to join in. Nobody will mind. It will not change the way the doctors or nurses look after you.

## What will happen to me if I take part?

- 1) First your mum, dad, or carer will help you to answer some questions. We will also ask your mum, dad, or carer to answer some questions themselves. This is to check you all understand about the study and are happy to go ahead. You can still change your mind about taking part in the study later. Just tell your mum, dad, or carer.
- 2) Next, you will be asked to give us a swab from your nose or your mouth. The swab goes to the back of your mouth and then we wriggle it around for a few seconds. This will not hurt but might be a bit uncomfortable, or make you sneeze. Your doctor or nurse might help you with this. This will be sent to the laboratory for testing to check if you have coronavirus.
- 3) You will be asked for another swab from your mouth, nose or throat. You might be asked for some spit. This won't hurt either. The researchers will use this swab or spit on a new test for coronavirus. The new test might test for

coronavirus as well as other viruses which cause coughs and high temperatures. This will be a quick test, and we will get the result pretty quickly. We can then compare the results from the two different swabs and see how well the tests work by seeing if they give the same results. and will use your NHS number to get information about you from the NHS.

## Will the doctors or nurses be wearing masks?

If you have your tests done in the GP surgery the doctors and nurses will be wearing protective clothing when they see you. This might include an apron, gloves and a mask.



## Will taking part in this study help me?

You, your family and your doctor will find it helpful to know if you are ill, so you are cared for properly. However, mainly the study will help us decide which tests for coronavirus work best. This could be really important in helping to stop the spread of coronavirus in the future.

## What if I have coronavirus?

A doctor or nurse will discuss this with your mum, dad, or carer. You probably won't need any treatment because most people get better on their own.



## What happens when the research study stops?

We will collect all the information and the results of the study will be published so

other people can read about it.



### Will anyone else know that I'm doing this?

Your doctor or nurse at your GP surgery and some of the researchers will know you are taking part.

### What if I don't want to take part in the research anymore?

Just tell your parents, carer, doctor or nurse. They will not be cross with you.

### What happens to what the scientists find out?

The scientists will tell doctors and nurses what they have found to help them decide which tests are best to use to check if someone has coronavirus.

### What if I wish to complain about the study?

If you would like to complain, you or your mum, dad, or carer can talk to your doctor or nurse who can contact the study team.



## How can I find out more about this study?

If you have any questions about this study, ask your mum, dad, or carer and they can get in touch with your doctor or the study team.

**Thank you for reading this and thinking about whether you want to take part.**