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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you all well and you have all had a relaxing and fun half term break!

Shortly before half term I was approached by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) who work with the Government. They have invited us, as a school family, to participate in a national study of children in relation to Covid-19, whether children have had it and the antibodies they have against it.

Attached to this letter are 3 letters from the Office of National Statistics giving further information.

I have spoken to the lady who is coordinating it and she has assured me that all the children have to do is simply rub a small sponge into their mouth for two minutes, like brushing teeth (no swabs down throats or up noses!). This will then be used to see if they have had coronavirus before and if they have antibodies against it.

On one of the letters is a website link for you to register your child's details for testing. If you would like to pop into school to do this, please complete the form below and I will arrange a time to come in.

Likewise, if you would like us as a school to input your children's details (following our own GDPR code of practice, details will only be shared with the Office of National Statistics) I am happy to do this, again, please fill in the slip below.

Please could I ask for slips to be returned by Monday 8th November at the latest and also details to be inputted online if you are doing it yourselves by Monday 8th November, as the ONS wish to get the testing done ASAP.

This is a really exciting and interesting part of history that we have been invited to participate in! One where YOUR children can help future detection of Covid in other primary aged children, children who have quite often been ignored by the general population when talking about physically having Covid.

Any questions, as always, just ask!

Annalisa Howarth
Headteacher

Child.....

Year group.....

- ☐ I would like to use a school computer to log into Office of National Statistics
- ☐ I would like English Martyrs' to input my child's data
- ☐ I do NOT want my child to take part in the study