

# About the programme

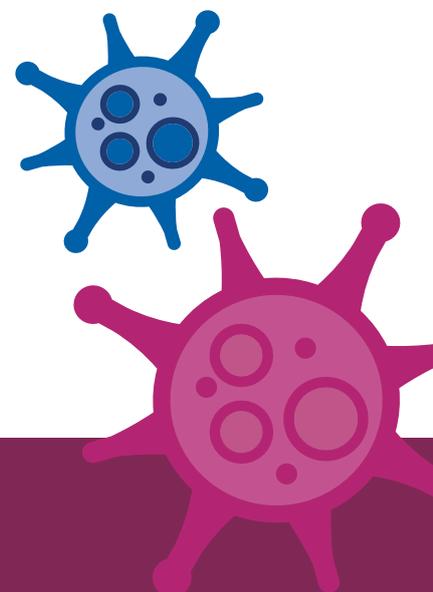
## What is saliva testing?

Saliva samples offer a simple, non-invasive way to test whether your child has COVID-19. The test involves your child putting a small amount of their saliva in a tube and then dropping it off at school or college, where it's collected and analysed in a lab. Results are delivered via text and email message within 24-48 hours.



## Why is it important for your child to participate?

Knowing who has COVID-19 is vital to stopping its spread. Large-scale weekly testing can help to identify people who have the virus but do not have any symptoms.



## How is the saliva test different?

The saliva test is simple, accessible and non-invasive. Participants spit onto a clean teaspoon and transfer 2ml of saliva into a tube for testing. It does not involve throat or nose swabbing. Studies have proven that saliva samples are highly accurate and deliver reliable results. They also offer a timely first test for genomic sequencing, which contributes to important research into emerging variants of concern.

## How does the programme work?

The image below shows the process of how the programme works and how we are supporting you, your child, and their school or college.

