

# British Army to Begin Testing, Barcoding & “Securing” Children Without Parental Consent

[Covid19: British Army to Begin Testing Children Without Parental Consent](#)

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The Liverpool-based Broadgreen International School is in the “privileged position” of running a pilot scheme with Public Health England that will:

- Bring in the military to run Covid19 tests.
- Test children without getting parental consent first.
- Identify each individual with a “unique barcode”.

- “Isolate” and “secure” anyone who tests positive.

It’s all pretty bleak reading. Here is a [link to it on the school website](#). You can also read the letter here:

And we suggest you [download a copy](#), just in case they try and retract it.



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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may be aware Liverpool is in tier 3 Covid-19 safeguarding arrangements.

As part of this process central government has identified Liverpool to pilot a new Covid-19 testing system. This is being called the Lateral Flow System. Sites across the city are due to be positioned across the City in order to carry out testing.

I am pleased to inform you that we at Broadgreen International School are in the privileged position of being one of the first schools within the city to have the testing brought to our site.

I have met this afternoon with representatives of the British Army who will be in school next week to Covid-19 to test all our students and staff. Each child and adult will be identified with a unique barcode to ensure personal identification of test and subsequent results. Results will be distributed to students and staff as soon as we are in receipt of them. If positive results are received the school will secure the individual concerned and in case of students inform parents/ carer immediately we will then operate our usual process of identifying others who may have been in close or direct contact for our self-isolation system will be put in place.

We are currently working with Public Health to identify how this pilot might benefit school communities now and in the future

I am expecting that the testing at BGIS will start on Monday 9 November.

Under normal circumstances parental permission is sought for the testing of children, however under these very challenging and unprecedented circumstances that is not possible, therefore we would ask that if you wish to exclude your child from this test please do so in writing to me first thing on Monday morning.

It is important that for the health of your child, those of other parents and carers and all adults in our school and local and wider Liverpool community that we co-operate 100% with this system of health protection.

As soon as we have further information, as we receive further information will share.

We can expect immediate major disruption as to how schools may be able to function once our city and eventually across the country such testing sites are operational and the resulting implications. Individual schools may be affected differently and subsequently we may need to respond on an individual need basis.

Your understanding and support at this very difficult time is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Ms P Towey  
Headteacher



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This is one scheme at one school for now, but there's no

reason to assume it will stay that way. The only way to guarantee it doesn't spread is to denounce it, loudly.

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