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Dear Parents and Guardians,

COVID-19 Symptom study – School Communities Programme

I am writing to invite you to join the COVID Symptom Study on behalf of your son or daughter. The Study aims to ensure that our pupils are as safe as possible. It also helps scientists understand more about COVID-19 in children and how virus transmission among children affects the wider population.

All parents are invited to join the COVID Symptom Study by downloading the free app and taking less than 1 minute per day to report how your child/children are feeling each day. Daily parental reporting via the app will provide a powerful tool for helping the school and parents understand COVID in the community. Information that you report will be invaluable to scientific research into COVID in children and for public health purposes. The Study will share any research findings with you.

We are asking parents to download this app now from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Simply create a profile for yourself and for your child/children. To join our school network in the app and receive personalised COVID insights about our school, go to Edit Profile for your child's profile > School Network > enter our school's Unique School Network Code (**AT9PT53**) > select the Bubble (year group) that your child belongs to.

Our Unique School Network Code is **AT9PT53**. Please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of Lancaster Royal Grammar School.

For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app please head to: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools>

What is the COVID Symptom Study app and why should you use it?

The [COVID Symptom Study](#) app is a not-for-profit initiative launched at the end of March 2020 to support vital COVID-19 research. The app was launched by health science company ZOE with scientific analysis provided by King's College London. With over 4 million contributors globally, the Study is the world's largest ongoing study of COVID-19.

The app also provides unique insight on asymptomatic and symptomatic information which builds into a larger picture for the government and captures information not covered by other means.

Data collected in the app is used anonymously to inform other parents and the school, and anonymously for research and public health purposes only. ZOE takes data security and privacy very seriously and enforces [best practices](#) to ensure all data is protected. ZOE is required to protect all data by law. As the work that ZOE does takes place in the UK, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation applies.

Yours faithfully,

Dr C J Pyle
Headmaster