

Dear Parents/Carers

We have some positive news to share. The Charter School North Dulwich has partnered with the COVID Symptom Study to help make sure our students and their families are as safe as possible as we move forward.

We are asking all parents to join the COVID Symptom Study now, by downloading the app and reporting how your child/children are feeling each day. The report takes less than one minute to complete and will allow both you and the school to keep a close eye on COVID within the school community. With all parents reporting daily via the app, the app will provide a powerful tool for helping the school and parents understand COVID in the community and help keep our students safe. In addition, the information you contribute will be invaluable to critical scientific research into COVID in children and for public health purposes - and we will be sure to share any findings from the research with you.

With that in mind, we are asking all parents to download this app as soon as possible. The app is available to download from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Simply create a profile for yourself and for your child/children. This first part will take a few minutes as you will need to fill in some details such as location, age and any pre-existing health conditions, but once this is complete the process of reporting each morning is quick and easy.

To join our school network in the app and receive personalised COVID insights about our school, go to:

1. Edit Profile > for your child's profile
2. School Network > please enter our school's Unique School Network Code (see below)
3. Select the Bubble that your child belongs to

Our Unique School Network Code is **A7AT2AV**. To avoid outsiders joining, please **DO NOT** share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our 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 that was 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. Now, with over 4 million contributors globally, the Study is the world's largest ongoing study of COVID-19. The team has published over 15 research papers since March, most notably in [Nature Medicine](#).

The app also provides unique insight on asymptomatic and symptomatic information across the UK from a very large cohort. This builds into a larger picture for the government and captures elements of information that is not covered by other means. The Government has been so impressed with the data and research being produced it is now funding ZOE to continue the great work. More information on the work the app has been doing since March can be found at <https://covid.joinzoe.com/blog>

All data collected in the app is used anonymously for informing other parents in your child's school bubble and your child's school, and anonymously for research and for 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 ZOE does takes place in the UK, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR applies to all processing of data, even if users do not live in Europe. More information about rights under GDPR in ZOE's [privacy policy](#).)

For our school's COVID updates please see:

<https://www.charternorthdulwich.org.uk/news/?pid=15&nid=6&storyid=199>

Kind Regards



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