**Participant Information Sheet children 8-12 years: Serology in the ImmunoCOVID19 study**

**Study Title:** Coronavirus infection in immunosuppressed children and adults.

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Dear young person,

Thank you for helping to answer the questionnaires for this study. We would like to ask for your help in a new, optional part of the study.

When someone has an infection, their body makes something called antibodies to fight it. We can test for antibodies and tell what infection that person had. We can do this for the COVID virus. This is useful as some people can get COVID without getting poorly.

We want to know you have had COVID by testing for COVID antibodies.

This will involve giving us a small drop of your blood to test.

You can say ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ to being involved in this part of the study.

**What will happen if I say ‘Yes’?**

If you say ‘Yes’ we will ask you to fill in a form, called the assent form. Your parent will sign another form called the informed consent form.

Your parent will get a package in the post. In the package you will find a little stick with a sponge at the end. This is used to take a drop of blood. You can do this with your parents at home or when you need blood test for another reason. We would like to have the blood sample in [month/year]. If you do it at home it will involve a finger prick. This feels like a sharp pinch and there will be a little bit of blood. Your parent will collect some blood. This will be sent to us for testing.

**Do I have to say ‘Yes’?**

No, it is up to you and your parent if you want to take part. You can change your mind later.

**What will happen if I say ‘No’?**

If you say no, nobody will mind and there will be no change. Your parent can continue to answer the questionnaires.

**Will it do some good if I say ‘Yes’?**

We hope that all the results will help us understand how the coronavirus affects children like you. We will not be able to give you your test result.

**Questions?**

If you have any questions please email us on immunoCOVID19study@uhs.nhs.uk.

Kind regards,

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