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## Oral Script to Obtain Assent from Children 13 (After return from absence)

Hi, my name is [interviewer's name]. I am doing a study of the acute respiratory illness with the University of Pittsburgh and Johns Hopkins University. Flu and other viruses make people sick. We were told that you absent from school because you were sick. We would like to take a swab of your nose to find out if you had the flu or were sick with another virus. It will take about 5 minutes. If you don't want to do this, you can say no at anytime. No one will be angry with you if you do not want to participate.

The swab that we take from your nose may hurt. We will keep all the information that we collect from you confidential. Your name will not be on the sample that we collect. We will not share the answers to the questions we ask you or the results of the tests will run on your swab with anyone.

Do you have any questions?

Do you agree to take part in the study?