

Participant Information Statement and Consent Form – Year 4 (Armes Class)

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Emily Smith and I am a second year BA Education student at the University of East Anglia. I have been undertaking my placement at Wensum Junior School since the end of January for a research project as part of my course.

I am writing to you as **I would like to invite your child to take part in a focus group** to talk about their thoughts and feelings around the effects of different learning environments on behaviour and motivation to learn. I will be doing one focus group that will last no longer than 30 minutes during their school day.

Being in this study is **voluntary** and your child does not have to take part. But I do need **parental consent** in order to conduct the focus group.

If you consent but change your mind later, you can now withdraw this consent until **20th March 2020**. If you withdraw, all information about your child will be immediately erased.

Any information used about your child will be anonymised. Information collected in the focus group will be audio recorded and later transcribed. Once transcribed, the audio recording will be erased.

For more information, please see the full copy of the consent form emailed to you by the school a couple of weeks ago. If you have any questions, please contact me via the email address above, or Heather Milliken (Teacher).

OK, I'm happy for my child to take part - what do I do next?

Please could you fill in a copy of this consent form overleaf and hand it in to the school by **Monday 16th March 2020**.

PARENT/CARER CONSENT FORM (Return copy to Researcher)

I consent to my child (PRINT CHILD'S NAME)

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participating in this research study.

In giving my consent I state that:

- I understand the purpose of the study, what my child will be asked to do, and any risks/benefits involved.
- I have read the Information Statement and have been able to discuss my child's involvement in the study with the researchers if I wished to do so.
- The researchers have answered any questions that I had about the study and I am happy with the answers.
- I understand that being in this study is completely voluntary and my child does not have to take part. My decision whether to let them take part in the study will not affect our relationship with the researchers or anyone else at the University of East Anglia now or in the future.
- I understand that my child can withdraw from the study by 6th March 2020.
- I understand that my child may leave the focus group at any time if they do not wish to continue. I also understand that it will not be possible to withdraw their comments once the group has started as it is a group discussion.

I understand that the results of this study may be published, and that publications will not contain my child's name or any identifiable information about my child.

I consent to:

Audio-recording of my child

YES NO

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Signature

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PRINT name

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Date