

Participant Information Sheet and Opt-Out Form - Parents

Study Title: 'Putting pupil voice at the centre of efforts to promote inclusive primary schools: A city-wide initiative'

Researcher: Professor Kiki Messiou

ERGO number: 79541

Your child is being invited to take part in the above research study. Please read the information below carefully and ask questions if anything is not clear or you would like more information before you decide for your child to take part in this research. **If you are happy for your child to participate, you do not need to do anything. If you are not happy for your child to take part, please, fill in the slip below and give this sheet to your child's teacher by Monday 20th February 2023.**

What is the research about?

This research- funded by Research England Participatory Research – focuses on promoting inclusion through an engagement with pupils' voices in primary schools. Teachers will work collaboratively with their students to find ways of ensuring that all children participate actively in the learning process and are included in school.

Why has my child been asked to participate?

You were approached because your child's school has signed up to take part in this study.

What will happen to my child if he/she takes part?

- Your child's lesson using pupil voice activities might be observed by a university researcher. Notes will be made by the researcher whilst observing but no reference to any child's name will be made. Pictures may be taken during the lesson, without showing any child's face.
- Your child might be one of those interviewed in a group with other children by a university researcher. These will all have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance to work with children.

Are there any benefits in my child taking part?

There will be direct benefit through the project process. Children will express their views through pupil voice activities, in order to help schools become more inclusive.

Are there any risks involved?

There are no risks involved for your child.

What data will be collected?

- Group interview data
- Lesson observations, if pupil activities are introduced in lessons.

Will my child's participation be confidential?

All the information will be stored and remain confidential. The information collected will be kept on a password protected computer. Your child's responses will be anonymised. However, if your child takes part in the focus group interview, full anonymity and confidentiality cannot be guaranteed due to the fact that the interviews will be in focus groups. We will urge participants to respect each other's confidentiality and do our best to preserve confidentiality and anonymity.

What happens if I change my mind?

You have the right to change your mind and withdraw at any time at any time prior to the conclusion of the research without giving a reason and without your participant rights being affected. If you decide to withdraw, please, send an email to Prof Kiki Messiou: k.messiou@soton.ac.uk

What will happen to the results of the research?

Research findings made available in any reports or publications will not include information that can directly identify your child. Case studies will name the school only, if that is the wish of the headteacher.

Where can I get more information?

If you have any questions, please contact me on: k.messiou@soton.ac.uk

What happens if there is a problem?

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, you should speak to the researchers who will do their best to answer your questions. Lead researcher: k.messiou@soton.ac.uk

If you remain unhappy or have a complaint about any aspect of this study, please contact the University of Southampton Research Integrity and Governance Manager (023 8059 5058, rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk).

Thank you for taking the time to read the information sheet and considering for your child taking part in the research.

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I DO NOT wish for my child to take part in the above study.

Name:Signature:

Date: