



The Unit for Child & Youth Studies

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with regard to a survey **Elvington CE Primary School** have agreed to conduct with their pupils. The survey is focused on pupils' lives in school; their friendships and relationships with other pupils (including experiences of bullying), their happiness and enjoyment of school and their perceptions around keeping healthy. The survey will be of great benefit to the pupils, giving them the opportunity to voice their opinions of school and provide valuable information to the school. This information will no doubt assist the school in further enhancing the school environment and play a valuable role in the safeguarding work at school.

The study has been approved by the York St. John Ethics committee and adheres to the ethical guidelines specified by the British Psychological Society. Every pupil will be invited to participate in the project and will have the option to refuse participation. All questionnaires will be completely anonymous and confidential, therefore the survey report will not contain any identifying data that could potentially lead to the identification of a pupil. The only time individual children will be identified will be if a safeguarding risk is identified. The data will be used to produce a report for the School and local authority. You, or your child, have the right to withdraw from the study at any point by contacting me directly with your child's name and school name.

I am therefore writing to you to seek your permission for your child to participate in the survey. Consent is being obtained passively (no action required); therefore, you only need to complete and return the slip if you **DO NOT** wish your child to participate in the project. If you **DO NOT** wish your child to participate, the slip must be returned to the school by the **Monday 24th March**. If we have not received your slip by this date we will assume you are happy for your child to participate in the project. We hope you will support the Stand Up For Us 2014 Project.

If you have any questions relating to this study, please do not hesitate to contact me, my contact details are provided at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Nathalie Noret

I have read the letter regarding my child's participation in the research project due to commence at **Elvington CE Primary** School and **do not wish** my child to be included in this project.

Name of child/ children: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____