

We would like to invite your child to be involved in this research on children's participation in primary school activities. We will be working with children attending sports activities, choir and also children not in either club. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Feel free to contact a member of the research team whose details will be left below, should you have any questions or would like more information.

Purpose of the study

The study aims to investigate how being part of a choir can affect children's wellbeing. Particularly, their self-confidence and their relationships with their peers and school. We know quite a lot about the impact of being involved in teams and groups for adults, but still relatively little about children. By exploring these links, we hope that this project will help us to gain a better understanding of how schools might work to support children's wellbeing.

We are looking to recruit children aged between 7 and 11 years of age from schools across London to take part in the study. Participation is entirely voluntary and choosing not to take part has no bearing on your child's participation in their chosen activity or school. You or your child may withdraw at any point and if any data has been collected before your withdrawal, it will be destroyed and not used. We do not anticipate any negative experiences for children who are taking part.

What will happen if we take part?

Your child will be given the same questionnaire to complete before and after their activity (or break time). There will always be an opportunity for you to ask the researcher questions, and children do not have to take part if they don't feel like it – even if you provide consent.

What will happen to the data collected?

All data will be kept confidential and no name or personal details will be required as the questionnaire responses will be anonymised. Before any data is collected, if you no longer wish for your child to take part, you have the right to withdraw. You will be given an opt-out form so if you do not want your child to take part, complete the form and return to the teacher or researcher. Your child's data will only be used for the purpose of the research project, which forms part of a BSc student dissertation project. Data will be destroyed in line with GDPR guidelines.

The data will be anonymised, no data will be attributable to any individual. Our aim is to analyse and write up the data for dissertation, and potentially for publication in peer-reviewed journals.

Ethical review of the study

This project has been reviewed and approved by the Psychology Ethics Committee at Goldsmiths, University of London.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO TAKE PART



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Thank you for considering whether you want your child to take part in this research session. If you have any questions arising from the Information Sheet, please contact the research team before you decide whether or not you want to join in.

Contact: Project supervisor, Dr Alice Jones Bartoli, a.jones@gold.ac.uk

If you do NOT wish your child to take part in this study, please return this slip to Emma-Jayne in the Office by Tuesday 3rd March 2020.

I DO NOT consent for my child to take part in this study

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Your Name

Date

Signature

