



INFORMATION LETTER PARENTS

The development of a models-based approach to the curriculum

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This letter is asking for your permission for your child to be involved in a research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being conducted and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and contact the investigator if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

What is the purpose of the study?

This study explores the development of a models-based curriculum in physical education. In other words, how your child's physical education teachers teach physical education in different ways.

Why have has my child been chosen?

Because your child's physical education teacher has shown an interest in developing their teaching through using different models of physical education. Your child's physical education teacher has identified your child's class as a focus to develop their uses of different models of physical education. In this class, your child's learning group of 4-5 members has been chosen to be involved as a representative example of children's views in your child's physical education class. Because your child is in this group they have been selected for this study.

What will the study involve?

- Your child will experience physical education lessons through different ways of teaching. For example, some lessons may focus more on cooperation, others on tactics, and other lessons on competition
- Your child will be asked to participate in an interview once per term in a small group with four other students in their class. The researcher and/or your child's physical education teacher will conduct the interview. Your child will be asked questions about their experiences of physical education, what they learn, and how physical education could be improved. The interview will last the duration of approximately 20 minutes and will be voice recorded.

What are the benefits to taking part?

Your child will experience the latest research-informed approaches to teaching and learning which could improve their learning and engagement in physical education. Your child's contribution to interviews will inform how the school's physical education provision can be enhanced.

Does my child have to take part?

No. Participation in this study is completely voluntary and you can refuse permission for your child to take part. If you do not give permission for your child to participate please return the form by 12 February 2016. You can also decide to withdraw your child from the study at anytime. If you choose to withdraw your child from the study, any information gathered about your child or statements they have made during interviews will be destroyed. Your child will not be at any risk or harm by refusing to participate or by withdrawing and their learning in physical education wont be affected.



Will I be at any harm from taking part in the study?

Your child will not be at any risk or harm directly from participating in this study.

How will information about my child be kept confidential?

All information that is collected about your child will be kept strictly confidential. This means that your child's name will be removed and he/she would be assigned a fake name. All information about your child will be stored electronically and securely. Only the researcher (Vicky Goodyear) and research assistants will have access to the data. Electronic files will be deleted from the system after ten years.

What will happen to the results of this study?

The results will be presented in academic journal papers and at national and international conferences.

Who do I contact in case I have any questions or require further information about this study?

If you have any questions or require further information please contact Dr Vicky Goodyear whose details are provided at the top of this information letter. Alternatively, you may wish to contact Mr Leigh Churchward, curriculum leader for physical education at the Buckingham School: l.churchwards@bucks.sch.ac.uk 01280 818689. If you would like to speak with someone independent from the study please contact Professor Kathy Armour at k.armour@bham.ac.uk.

***Thank you for considering your participation in this study!
You can keep this copy of this information letter for your records.***

IF YOU DO NOT GRANT PERMISSION FOR YOUR SON/DAUGHTER TO BE INVOLVED PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE AND RETURN THIS TO MR LEIGH CURHCWARD (CURRICULUM LEADER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION, BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL)



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PARENT/GUARDIAN DO NOT GRANT CONSENT

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If you do not grant permission for your son/daughter to participate in interviews about their experiences of physical education please sign this form and return to Mr Leigh Churchward, curriculum leader of physical education, The Buckingham School

My child cannot participate in an interview

Child's name:

Parent Signature: