

Permeable Walls

Parent/Carer Information and Consent for Student Interviews

You are receiving this information letter because your child has been selected to participate in an interview with a researcher from the Learning about Science and Religion (LASAR) team who is leading the Permeable Walls project at your child's school. You should already have received an information sheet about the Permeable Walls project along with an opt out form for your child's participation in a survey. If you did not receive this or would like to receive another copy, please contact a member of the LASAR team using the details below.

What will the interview involve?

If you and your child decide to participate, your child will be interviewed by one of the LASAR team using a sequence of questions which aim to assess your child's understanding of how knowledge works in different disciplines, experiences of multi-disciplinary learning in school and attitudes towards science and religion and the relationship between these. The interview will take place on school property during school hours. An audio recording of the interview will be made and the recording will later be transcribed.

Confidentiality

The records of this study will be kept private. Your child's name will not appear in any research, and after completion of the study all personal information attached to responses will be removed. All data and personal information will be stored securely within CCCU premises in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), as well as the University's own data protection requirements. The data before analysis can only be accessed by the LASAR research team.

How will participants' responses be used?

The findings of the research will be used internally within Canterbury Christ Church University to inform and develop this project and related activities. In addition, the data will be analysed and the results will be discussed in the form of papers and presentations which we plan to submit to conferences and to journals. Neither your child's name nor the name of your child's school will appear in any report or academic paper that might be published using the interview data. Please be aware, however, that once any anonymised excerpts of your child's interview are published, it will not be possible for these to be removed from the public domain.

Is taking part voluntary?

Taking part in the interview is entirely voluntary. Without receiving your written consent, the interview will not take place. You or your child can decide to withdraw from the research at any time, without giving a reason. If you consent for your child to take part, we ask that you please complete and return the form below.

If you agree for your child to participate, we will advise your child prior to the interview that he or she can decide to not take part at any point and that this will not affect their school grades or ability to take part in the learning activities that are being delivered as part of the project.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of taking part?

By participating you will be contributing directly to educational research and helping us to test the hypothesis that epistemic insight improves attitudes to learning. Research that invites personal responses to questions about how humans think and behave is stimulating for participants, teachers and students, and will inform resources for schools. There are no disadvantages to taking part in the study, other than the time commitment required to carry out the stages of the research outlined above.

Who has reviewed the study?

This research project has been reviewed following the procedures of the University Research Ethics Committee and has been given a favourable ethical opinion for conduct.

Further information

For more information about the LASAR research centre, please see:

www.canterbury.ac.uk/lasar

Any questions?

If you would like more information about our research and/or research ethics please contact the Principal Investigator, Professor Berry Billingsley on berry.billingsley@canterbury.ac.uk or the LASAR team at lasar@canterbury.ac.uk, Canterbury Christ Church University, North Holmes Road, Canterbury, CT1 1QU, 01227 767700.

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Parent/Carer Consent Form for Research Interview with Child

	Please initial
I have read the Information Sheet relating to the Permeable Walls project and the letter which explains what will happen if my child is interviewed as part of the project.	
I give consent for my child to be interviewed as part of the project. I understand that the interview is going to be recorded and transcribed, and that my child's name will never be used in any reports or publications that draw on this transcription.	

Name of parent/carers:	
Child's Name:	
Signed by parent/carers:	
Signed by child (optional)	
Date	

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER