
A Winning Start: A Teacher Choices Trial

Privacy notice

1 Why are we collecting this data?

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has commissioned the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) to explore the feasibility of running robust evaluations of teachers' everyday choices in the classroom. In every lesson, teachers choose how to approach topics, engage pupils, manage behavior, and start the lesson, among others. This project aims to explore how these everyday choices are implemented and might impact the classroom and pupil attainment, and what is the best way to report the results for policy-makers and teachers.

'A Winning Start' is the first randomised controlled trial (RCT) in the Teacher Choices study. It will evaluate two different approaches to starting lessons to examine how teacher choices impact pupils' learning in science using an RCT design. The study will compare two popular forms of lesson starters: quizzes and discussions.

NFER is the data controller for the trial.

2 What is the legal basis for processing activities?

The legal basis for processing personal data is covered by GDPR Article 6 (1) (f):

Legitimate interests: the processing is necessary for your (or a third party's) legitimate interests unless there is a good reason to protect the individual's personal data which overrides those legitimate interests.

The evaluation fulfils one of NFER's core business purposes (undertaking research, evaluation and information activities) and is therefore in our legitimate interest.

3 How will personal data be obtained?

Personal data will be collected directly from participating schools.

NFER and EEF are collecting expressions of interest from schools interested in participating in the trial by email.

The headteacher of participating schools will sign a Memorandum of Understanding which collects the details of the Head of Science who becomes the key contact for the trial. During the trial, schools will also provide details of Year 8 science teachers nominated and agreed to take part in the study, and details of their Year 8 pupils (where parents have not opted of their child's data being provided).

NFER uses a secure online portal to collect data electronically. NFER will administer teacher surveys online via Questback. Questback's privacy statement can be found at <https://www.questback.com/data-privacy/>. Online activity logs and teachers' resources (such as quiz questions, discussion materials and schemes of work) will be collected via the secure portal. Lesson observations, interviews, and focus groups will also be used to collect teachers' and science department heads' views about the approaches being used and about the trial. Short discussions/interviews will be used to gather pupils' views about the science lesson starters.

Further personal data about both teachers and pupils will be collected throughout the trial (see section 4 for full details).

4 What personal data is being collected by this project?

NFER and EEF are collecting expressions of interest; schools who express their interest to participate the trial send their names and contact details to NFER.

Throughout the trial, NFER will collect personal data about nominated teachers and the names of their Year 8 students:

For heads of science and participating science teachers the personal data collected is:

- names,
- contact details,
- job role,
- teachers' resources (quiz and discussion starters and schemes of work) and their activity records (for example, recording how many times and when they used the approaches); and
- attitudes and views about science lessons, lesson starters and about the trial.

For each Year 8 student, the following personal data will be collected:

- o names,
- o date of birth,
- o gender,
- o Free School Meal eligibility (FSM),
- o English as an Additional Language (EAL),
- o their ability group or a class for Year 8 science lessons,
- o end of Year 7 test score,
- o end of unit/topic test result

NFER will also collect some pupils' views in a small number of interviews/discussion groups when visiting schools.

5 Who will personal data be shared with?

NFER will share names and contact details of all school staff involved in the trial with EEF. EEF will use this data to contact the schools to contact the schools about delivering the interventions.

NFER will not share any pupil data with EEF.

No pupil or teacher will be named in any report arising from this work.

6 Is personal data being transferred outside of the European Economic Areas (EEA)?

No personal data is stored or transferred outside of the EEA.

7 How long will personal data be retained?

'A Winning Start' is one of a number of teacher choices evaluations commissioned by EEF. Data collected for 'A Winning Start' trial will be stored securely in NFER systems until the final report in this suite is published. This is currently expected to be September 2021. All personal data will be deleted within one year of publication of this final report.

8 Can I stop my personal data being used?

A school, teacher or pupil can withdraw from the trial and/or from their data being used in the trial at any time. Parents will be provided with a parent letter about the project and explaining how their child's data will be collected, used and how they can withdraw from data collection. However, NFER appreciates schools' and participants' support in collecting the data since it is very important for the validity of the results. If your school/you withdraw from the intervention, unless otherwise instructed, we will use any data we have collected in our analysis.

NFER handles personal data in accordance with the rights given to individuals under data protection legislation. If at any time you wish us to withdraw your data or correct errors in it, please contact Jishi Jose on teacherchoices@nfer.ac.uk.

In certain circumstances, data subjects have the right to restrict or object to processing. They also have the right to make a subject access request to see all the information held about them. NFER will cooperate fully when a subject access request (SAR) is made of a data controller. To exercise these rights, please contact our Compliance Officer on compliance@nfer.ac.uk.

9 Who can I contact about this project?

NFER is responsible for the day-to-day management of the trial. If you have any queries about the trial, please contact Jishi Jose at NFER on teacherchoices@nfer.ac.uk.

If you have a concern about the way this project processes personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us in the first instance (see the details above). Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office, the body responsible for enforcing data protection legislation in the UK, at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.

10 Updates

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated on May 20, 2020.