Northern Ireland is taking part in TIMSS, a study of Trends in International Maths and Science, which is run by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA)\textsuperscript{1}

TIMSS tells us how well our pupils are doing in maths and science alongside pupils in other countries. In Northern Ireland you will be one of about 4,500 pupils aged 9 – 10 years taking part in this exciting study.

Your school has been chosen to take part and pupils from P6 classes will do the study.

Your teacher and your parents will also be asked to answer questions.

We, the Department of Education (DE), have asked the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) to organise the TIMSS 2019 study.

During the study if there are any questions you do not want to answer you can skip them and move on to the next question.

What personal information do we collect about you from your school?

⇒ Your First Name and Surname
⇒ Your Date of Birth
⇒ If you are a boy or a girl
⇒ What school you attend
⇒ Unique Pupil Number (UPN)

Only DE and NFER will see your answers. We will remove all your personal information and won’t tell anyone anything about you when we include your answers in the report. As soon as the study is over, we will destroy all your personal details that we hold.

We hope you will enjoy taking part in this very important study but if for any reason you can’t take part then your parent/guardian can let your school know.

\textsuperscript{1} The International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA); TIMSS & PIRLS International Study Center, Boston College.