

## Research with students

### Information for young people participating in interviews

Your school is taking part in a research project about the support they provide to students to help them to come to school regularly. It's really important that we get the views of young people. This is a chance for you to share your opinions and experiences. This information sheet tells you about what will happen when we visit so you can decide if you are happy to take part.

#### Who will be visiting my school?

One of these researchers from the project team will spend some time at your school speaking to teachers and students.

They work for the [National Foundation for Educational Research](https://www.nfer.ac.uk/) (NFER). Their jobs involve speaking to people and writing reports about what they say.



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#### What will I be asked to do?

Your teacher will find a place in school where you feel comfortable to speak to us (like the corner of a classroom or library) with a teacher or another member of staff nearby. If you like, you can ask for an adult you trust to be with you while you speak to us. This could be a parent/carers or a member of school staff. You will come out of lessons for around 30 minutes to speak to us.

We will ask you about:

- what you think about school
- what made it hard for you to come to school regularly
- what helped you come back to school
- what you liked about the support you received, what made a difference/helped you the most
- what you'd change about the support school provides and what could make it better.

We would like to audio record what you say. If you agree, we will use the recording to make a written record after the visit, will then delete that recording.

The only reason we will share what you tell us with anyone outside of the research team is if you say something that makes us think you or another young person might be unsafe or at risk of harm. If this happens, we will let your school know.

### **What will we do with what you tell us?**

The information we collect from everyone we speak to will be used to write a report.

We might include some of the things you say, but we **won't use your name** in the report or anything that might mean someone else could work out who you are or which school you attend.

It is important to us that we keep your information safe and secure. If you want to know more about how we will use and look after your information you can ask us when we visit your school. You can also find more information in our Privacy Notice for Students.

### **What are the benefits and risks of taking part?**

By taking part you will be helping us to:

- find out what schools do to help young people attend school regularly
- understand how school support can be improved, which may benefit other young people in the future.

We know that it might be difficult for you to talk about what led to you beginning to miss a lot of school. You do not have to share any information you do not want to, and you can ask us to skip any questions you do not want to answer.

### **Do I have to take part?**

Your parent/carer has agreed that we can speak to you but it is up to you to decide if you are happy to take part. Even if you do say yes, you can choose not to answer any of the questions we ask. You can also stop talking to us at any time and return to your lesson.

### **What if I still have questions?**

If you have any questions you can ask us yourself when we visit the school, or you can ask your teacher to speak with us before we visit and let you know the answer.

**Thank you for reading this. We look forward to visiting your school.**