

## Research with students

### Information for young people

Your school is taking part in a research project about the support they provide to students to help them attend school and engage with education.

We're visiting your school soon and would really like to speak to you to find out what you think about school. 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 and taking a look around.



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They work for the [National Foundation for Educational Research](#) (NFER) or [The Difference](#). Their jobs involve speaking to people and writing reports about what they say.

#### 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 an empty classroom or library) with a teacher or another member of staff nearby. You will come out of lessons for around 30 minutes to speak to us.

We will ask you about:

- what you think about school – that might include the types of things you do, the way things are taught, the school building and classrooms, the staff that work here and the other young people who attend
- what you like about the support you receive, what has 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. No one else will listen to it. If you don't want us to audio record we can take handwritten notes of what you say.

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

We would also like speak to some parents and carers about the support students receive at school. When we speak to you we will ask if you agree to us contacting your parent or carer. If you agree, the school will help to arrange this. If you have any questions we'd be very happy answer them during the visit.

### 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 in our report but we **will not use your name in the report** or include any other information that might mean someone else could identify you. We will publish our report in Autumn 2025. It will be free to download from this website <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/>

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 this [Privacy Notice for students](#).

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

By taking part you will be helping us to:

- find out how successful schools have been at improving attendance and/or engagement with education
- understand how school support can be improved, which may benefit other young people in the future.

As a thank you for taking part, we will give your school £30 to put towards an activity or to buy some resources for you.

We don't think taking part will cause you any harm. We have put processes in place to keep you safe when we carry out the research.

### 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 the questions we ask. You can 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.**