

Focus Group Interview Questions for Pupils

Pilot 3: Facilitating students to understand and communicate their emotions to support everyday transitions in school

Thank you all for taking part in this project by creating 'I feel...' Digital Stories.

We wanted to figure out if the stories could be a useful way to help pupils understand and communicate how they feel at school. We used the Just Right programme to make it easier to talk about emotions.

Now that you have created your Digital Stories, we would like to hear how you have found the project so we can develop the materials for other pupils.

1. What first interested you in the project?

- a) Why did you choose to take part?
- b) What made you want to make a Digital Story?

2. Can you tell us about making your Digital Story?

You might want to think about the meetings we had together to plan the videos, the meetings with Autek, filming at school, or editing.

- a) What did you enjoy about making the Story? What was the best part?
- b) What did you not enjoy or find difficult?
- c) How did you find working with the filming equipment?
- d) What did you think of the editing process and tools?

3. What helped you make your Digital Story?

- a) How did you find the guidelines we shared at the start of the project?
- b) What was most helpful to plan your story? e.g., mapping/storyboards.
- c) Was there anything else that could have made making the Story easier for you?

4. What do you think of the Digital Story you made?

- a) Have you included everything you wanted?
- b) Do you think it shows your experience of school?
- c) Is there anything you would do differently if you were to do it again?
- d) What did you learn when making the stories? About yourself? Skills?
- e) Do you feel that the equipment helped to show your experiences?

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5. How might Digital Stories be helpful for other pupils?

- a) Do you think they could be useful in other schools?
- b) Who might benefit from making a Digital Story?
- c) What help do you think they would need?
- d) What would be your top tips for someone else making a Digital Story?

6. How do you feel about sharing your Digital Story?

- a) Who would you like to show your Story to, if anyone?
- b) Do you think it would be helpful to show your Story to others? How might this benefit you?

7. Is there anything else you would like to share that we haven't covered?

Many Thanks!