

Information sheet
Teaching inferences, reference and play-based approaches

Thank you for your interest in our study. Before you decide to take part it is important that you understand how this research is being conducted and what is involved. Please read through the following information carefully. You are free to discuss your involvement in this study with others. The study is being conducted by a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Cambridge: Dr Elspeth Wilson, together with two PhD students, Blanche Linares De Gonzalez and Joe Cowan. If anything is unclear or you need further information, you may contact Elspeth at ep321@cam.ac.uk, or either of the research team's supervisors (Napoleon Katsos – nk248@cam.ac.uk – and Jenny Gibson – jlg53@cam.ac.uk)

Purpose of the study

We want to find out how certain parts of the Primary National Curriculum are understood and put into practice by teachers in the classroom, particularly those about making inferences during reading, and learning to listen and respond appropriately to adults and peers. We also want to understand better where teachers feel the need for more resources in these areas and what their attitude is to play-based approaches.

Why have I been chosen?

You have been asked to take part as you are a primary school teacher in UK.

Do I have to take part?

No, you do not have to take part. You are also free to withdraw at any point and under no obligation to complete the study. If you would like to withdraw your data from the project, please contact a member of the study team and they will remove your data from the study.

What will happen to me if I take part?

If you decide to take part, one of the researchers will contact you to arrange a time and place to ask you some questions about your experience of teaching reading, communication and play-based approaches. We anticipate this conversation will take around 60-90 minutes. The researchers could visit you in your school or another location of your choosing, or conduct the interview online (via Zoom or Teams), or you may choose to come into the Faculty of Education in Cambridge.

Are there possible disadvantages and/or risks in taking part?

There are no significant risks or disadvantages to taking part in this study.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

The research team may be able to cover the cost of release for the interview period – please contact them to find out more; they can cover any travel expenses, and you will also be thanked for your time with a £25 book voucher. We hope it will also be an enjoyable experience for you, and after the interview, the research team are happy to signpost you to resources if you have questions about what we have discussed.

The project has received ethical approval from the Faculty's Research Ethics Committee

Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?

Participation in this study will remain confidential and all the data will be anonymized. All of your data will be stored securely, accessed only by members of the study team. Fully anonymised data may be made available via the University's or other online data repositories. Please follow this link to understand more about how the University of Cambridge uses personal data:

<https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/research-participant-data>

Meetings will be transcribed using Teams or Zoom automatic transcription services, using University of Cambridge subscriptions, with manual checking of transcriptions by the research team.

What will happen to the results of the research project?

Results may be presented at conferences and written up in journals. We will use the transcripts only for research purposes, and subsequent publications. The University of Cambridge is committed to the dissemination of its research for the benefit of society and the economy and, in support of this commitment, has established an online archive of research materials. This archive includes digital copies of journal papers successfully submitted as part of ESRC funded research at University of Cambridge.

How long will my data be retained?

In line with University policy, data will generally be kept till the completion of the project + 10 years. After this, it may be destroyed or sent (in anonymised form) to the University's digital Institutional Repository.

Who is organising and funding the research?

The research is organised by Dr Elspeth Wilson, postdoctoral researcher at the University of Cambridge, together with Blanche Gonzales De Linares and Joe Cowan (PhD students). Her research is being supported by the Economic and Social Research Council (UK).

Ethical review of the study

The project has received ethical approval from the Faculty of Education and follows British Educational Research Association guidelines (www.bera.ac.uk/publication/ethical-guidelines-for-educational-research-2018).

Contact for further information

You may contact Elspeth Wilson at ep321@cam.ac.uk.

Thank you very much for your interest in taking part!

CONSENT FORM

Project title: **Teaching inferences, reference and play-based approaches**

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Elspeth Wilson, ep321@cam.ac.uk

- ☐ I confirm that I have read and understand the information sheet for the above mentioned study and have had the opportunity to ask questions.
- ☐ I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, and without my rights being affected.
- ☐ I understand that any data that are collected will be used and stored anonymously, in accordance with the Data Protection Act. If any individual data were presented, the data would be completely anonymous, without any means of identifying the individuals involved.
- ☐ I agree to the interview being recorded and transcribed using a third-party speech-to-text transcription application (Microsoft Teams or Zoom, both provided by University of Cambridge). All responses transcribed in these will be kept secure, confidential and anonymous. If you do not agree to this, please leave this box blank and the interview will be transcribed manually by the researchers.
- ☐ I understand that these data may be used in analyses, publications, and conference presentations by researchers at the University of Cambridge and their collaborators at other research institutions. I give permission for these individuals to have access to these data.
- ☐ I understand that full data will only be accessible to the research team. However, properly anonymised data may be used in analyses, publications, conference presentations and other reasons and deposited in 'Apollo', the University of Cambridge Data Repository, which is an online resource which anyone can access. For full details on how we use your personal information, see <https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/research-participant-data>
- ☐ I have been given a copy of this form to keep.

I agree to participate in the above mentioned study run by Dr Elspeth Wilson (postdoctoral researcher at Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge), with Joe Cowan (Department of Linguistics, University of Cambridge) and Blanche Linares De Gonzales (Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge):

Name: _____ Date: _____