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# Emotions in the classroom – how feelings affect teaching and learning

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What is the study about?

The study aims to improve understanding of the role emotions play in teachers’ professional experiences. We are investigating how attitudes about emotions are related to teachers’ sense of their personal effectiveness and agency.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You are a teacher who has faced very challenging professional circumstances and you continue to adapt your professional practices to support students during a time of unprecedented uncertainty.

Do I have to take part?

This information sheet has been written to help you decide if you would like to take part. It is your decision alone to take part. If you do decide to help in the study you will be free to withdraw at any time during the study, or within two weeks of completion, without providing a reason and with no negative consequences.

What would I be required to do?

You would complete a brief online survey taking approximately 10 minutes. You will record the degree to which you agree or disagree with a range of statements related to emotions, self-efficacy and agency.

Would I be rewarded for my time?

Participants will be recruited through Prolific, and will be rewarded at the rate of £1.50, once their answers have been confirmed as being complete.

Are there any risks associated with taking part?

We are experiencing a period of unprecedented global upheaval, during which everyone is at risk of suffering emotional distress due to the scale of uncertainty and change. Participants are asked about their experience of emotions in the classroom, which could result in some discomfort. You may pause or stop at any time. If you need support at any time, we encourage you to contact your GP, welfare services offered by your union, or telephone services such as the Samaritans on 116 123. The EIS has links to a variety of services that could prove useful in the case of ongoing distress at <https://www.eis.org.uk/Member-Support/HWResource>. You do not need to be a member to view this page.

Informed consent.

It is important that you are able to give your informed consent before taking part in this study. Please read all the material carefully and raise any questions you have about the study with Karen Porter on [kp81@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:kp81@st-andrews.ac.uk). If you decide to take part, you will complete a consent form when you access the online survey.

Who is funding the research?

Karen Porter’s studentship is funded by the Scottish Graduate School for Social Science (SGSSS), the UK's largest facilitator of funding, training and support for doctoral students in social science. <https://www.sgsss.ac.uk/>

What information about me or recordings of me (‘my data’) will you be collecting?

To help with our analysis, we ask for information about your teaching experience, such as the subject(s) you teach, number of years’ experience, and the education setting, but it is not mandatory that you provide all of this information. When the research is reported, we will anonymise all potentially identifying data according to best practices.

If you tell us that you wish to be kept informed about the results of the study, we will store your email address separately for those purposes. Your email address will not be linked to your survey responses.

How will my data be securely stored, who will have access to it?

Your data will be stored on a secure OneDrive location provided by the University of St Andrews. Only Karen Porter and her research supervisors will be able to access that location. If you ask to be kept up to date with information about the study in future, we will store your email address in a file kept separately in a OneDrive location, to which only Karen Porter will have access. The file will be deleted when all participants have been provided with results of the study.

How will my data be used, and in what form will it be shared further?

Your research data will be analysed as part of the research study. It will then be published in Karen Porter’s PhD thesis, Lucie Kelly’s undergraduate dissertation and relevant research publications. Metadata (that is information about the data) and anonymised data will be lodged with the UK Data Service.

It is expected that the project to which this research relates will be finalised by August 2023.

When will my data be destroyed?

Anonymised data will be retained by Karen Porter in secure password-protected and encrypted files in a storage location provided by the University of St Andrews. Data will be reviewed annually and will be deleted 10 years after the point of last access.

Will my participation be confidential?

Yes. We will not use or publish any details that would personally identify you, your students or the education setting in which you work.

Use of your personal data and data protection rights

The University of St Andrews (the ‘Data Controller’) is bound by the UK 2018 Data Protection Act and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which require a lawful basis for all processing of personal data (in this case it is the ‘performance of a task carried out in the public interest’ – namely, for research purposes) and an additional lawful basis for processing personal data containing special characteristics (in this case it is ‘public interest research’). You have a range of rights under data protection legislation. For more information on data protection legislation and your rights visit <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/terms/data-protection/rights/>. For any queries, email [dataprot@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:dataprot@st-andrews.ac.uk).

You will be able to withdraw your data up to two weeks after the final interview that you take part in.

Ethical Approvals

This research proposal has been scrutinised and subsequently granted ethical approval by the University of St Andrews Teaching and Research Ethics Committee.

What should I do if I have concerns about this study?

In the first instance, you are encouraged to raise your concerns with the researchers. However, if you do not feel comfortable doing so, then you should contact the Supervisor of this research (contact details below). A full outline of the procedures governed by the University Teaching and Research Ethics Committee is available at <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/research/integrity-ethics/humans/ethical-guidance/complaints/>.

Contact details

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| **NB what follows is a copy of the text shown to potential participants on the relevant page in Qualtrics, an online survey and questionnaire platform.** |

**Your consent to participate**  
  
The University of St Andrews attaches high priority to the ethical conduct of research. We therefore ask you to consider the following points before agreeing to participate in this study. Your agreement confirms that you are willing to participate in this study. You are not committed to do anything you do not wish to, and you can withdraw your participation at any time. By clicking 'I consent' below you are agreeing with the following statements:  
  
I understand the contents of the Participant Information Sheet (download a copy by clicking here [Survey PIS.docx](https://standrews.eu.qualtrics.com/CP/File.php?F=F_9FzpxkJZh1Jjl8a)

I have been given the opportunity to ask questions about the study and, if appropriate, have had them answered satisfactorily.

* I understand that my participation is entirely voluntary and that I can withdraw from the study at any time without giving an explanation and with no disbenefit.
* I understand who will have access to my data, how it will be stored, in what form it will be shared, and what will happen to it at the end of the study.
* I understand that I will be able to withdraw my data up to two weeks after I complete the survey, and I understand that after that time it cannot be withdrawn.

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| I consent to participate | I do not consent to take part in this study |
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