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Minibeast School Safari - Information (Children)

My name is Bethan Stagg and I work as a researcher. I am coming to your school on ... and we will be learning about **minibeasts**.

We need your help for our research study. If you agree to help, you will fill out a sheet asking what you think about minibeasts, before and after our learning activity.

Some questions you may have...

Do I have to say 'yes' to answering the questions?

No, it is your choice. No one will mind if you don't want to take part. You can also change your mind at any time. Just let Bethan know.

How long do I have to be part of your study for?

The questions will take around 10 minutes to answer. Once you have answered the questions on the day, your help with the research is over.

Will you tell anyone what I say?

We remove the names from the answers when we enter these onto the computer, so no one will know what you wrote on the sheet.

What will you do with my answers?

The sheet you fill in will be shredded after 1 week. The answers (minus names) will be stored on the computer, used in our research and available to other researchers.

Who is organising this study?

Researchers at the University of Exeter. It is funded by an organisation called the Economic and Social Research Council.



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Minibeast School Safari – Information (Adults)

Introduction: This research is conducted by Dr Bethan Stagg, a Research Fellow in the University of Exeter's School of Education. It investigates children's attitudes about invertebrates (minibeasts) and teaching and is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. We will be studying minibeasts in the school grounds and the classroom and, if you agree, your child will be given a short questionnaire to complete before and afterwards.

Voluntary participation: You do not have to agree that your daughter/son can complete a questionnaire. You can choose to say no, and your child will still be able to take part in the learning activities. You have the right to withdraw your child from the research at any time leading up to when the questionnaire is completed and can also request that their data is removed and destroyed up to 1 month after completion, using the contacts provided below.

Protocol: The questionnaire will take about 10 minutes of your child's time and is completed twice. Your child will be asked to provide their name and gender (with a "prefer not to say" option for gender). If your child does not wish to answer some of the questions she/he may skip them and move onto the next question. Responses will be entered onto computer up to 1 week afterwards, data anonymised and paper copies shredded. There is no direct benefit to your child, apart from the learning activities, but your child's participation will inform research and teaching practice.

Who will have access to my child's data?

The data will be used for research purposes only and personal data processed in accordance with current data protection legislation and the University's notification lodged at the Information Commissioner's Office. Personal data will be treated in the strictest confidence and not disclosed to any unauthorised third parties. The results of the research will be published in anonymised form. For further information about your rights with respect to the data visit <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/ig/gdpr/> The research will be written up for academic publication. We would also like your permission to use the anonymised data in future studies, and share with other researchers (e.g. online databases).

Who has reviewed this study? This project has been granted a favourable ethics review by the University of Exeter College of Social Sciences and International Studies (SSIS) Research Ethics Committee (REC) ref. 1312762.

Who do I contact if I have a concern or I wish to complain? If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, please contact ... and we will do our best to answer your query. We will acknowledge your concern within 10 working days and give you an indication of how it will be dealt with. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please contact the Chairs of the SSIS REC who will seek to resolve the matter as soon as possible ...@exeter.ac.uk, or the University of Exeter Research Ethics & Governance Office ...@exeter.ac.uk

Please complete this consent form and return to school by ...

Name of child

Please tick **one** box:

- ☐ I **do** give consent for my child to complete a questionnaire as part of this research.
- ☐ I **don't** give consent for my child to complete a questionnaire as part of this research.

Signed Name