

## Summer Schools Research – Parent Information Sheet

The Department for Education (DfE) is conducting research on summer schools. Summer schools offer an opportunity to help pupils catch up on missed learning caused by the pandemic, while supporting their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

This research will provide important information on how well summer schools have worked, as well as pupil and school feedback on what impact they have had on education recovery and pupil wellbeing.

We have invited your child's school to participate in this research. As part of this, teachers and pupils will be asked to complete surveys. Please take time to read the following information carefully, and feel free to get in touch if you would like more information or if there is anything that you do not understand.

### **What is the purpose of this research?**

This research will help the Department for Education to understand how well summer schools have worked overall. This includes understanding how they were set up and run as well as views on the effect summer schools have had on academic progress, confidence, and wellbeing. The research will help inform Government decisions in future years about summer schools and how useful they are in helping pupils catch up and move to the next year of academic study.

### **Why has my child been chosen to take part?**

Schools who are putting on summer schools this year were asked whether they would be willing to take part in this research. Your child's school agreed to be contacted for research purposes, and so all children in your child's school who are attending summer school have been asked to take part and complete two short surveys.

### **What does my child have to do?**

Your child will be asked to complete two short online surveys, each lasting approximately three minutes. These surveys will ask simple questions about your child's views on the summer school, their wellbeing, and how ready they feel to start their next academic year. Your child's school will make the survey links available to them on the first day of the summer school, and the final day, at a time the school thinks is suitable.

If your child's school was run at the beginning of the summer holiday and they received the links too late to do both surveys, they will only need to complete one survey, at the end.



## **Do they have to take part?**

All children in your child's school attending summer school will be asked to take part, but their participation is voluntary. If they do not wish to participate, or if you do not wish for them to do so, please let your school know.

## **Are there any risks in taking part?**

There are no risks to taking part. Your child's responses will be completely confidential and anonymous, and their school will not be made aware of any individual's answers. Your child will not be asked to give their name in the survey, so they will not be identifiable by their answers. Any reports of the research will only include findings that are anonymous and presented as overall results rather than for particular schools or individuals.

## **What if I am unhappy or if there is a problem with the research?**

If you are unhappy, or if there is a problem, please feel free to contact your school. If you want to speak directly to the DfE, please contact Anna Scholes ([anna.scholes@education.gov.uk](mailto:anna.scholes@education.gov.uk)).

## **Who will see my child's survey answers?**

All the information collected during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. Survey responses will be anonymous and will only be accessed by the DfE study team and our third-party research contractor for analysis and write-up. Anonymised, aggregated findings will be summarised and used in a final report on the evaluation later this year. Any information provided will be handled securely in line with the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

## **Who can I contact if I have further questions?**

If you have any questions about this research, please contact your child's school. If you wish to speak directly with the DfE research team, please contact Anna Scholes ([anna.scholes@education.gov.uk](mailto:anna.scholes@education.gov.uk)).