

RPO/LLON/41714/PW

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Impact of Key Stage 1 school closures on later attainment and social skills of Year 3 and Year 4 pupils**

We are writing to you to let you know that your child's school will be participating in an ongoing research project to determine the impact of the school closures during the Covid-19 lockdown period. The pupils in your child's year group participated in this research in its first year in 2020/2021. We would like to thank you for agreeing for your child to participate in this study to support this valuable research.

The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) has been commissioned to carry out this research by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) to learn more about how quickly children reach where they might be expected to be had the pandemic not happened.

The research is due to take place during the spring term. All children in your child's year group will complete a mathematics and a reading assessment already planned by their school; no additional unplanned assessments will be carried out. NFER will share the test scores with your child's school, to support the school's normal assessment practice. Their individual responses will be kept completely confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside of the NFER.

We very much appreciate your and your child's participation. Enclosed with this letter you will find a 'School Information Sheet' with more information about the research and our commitment to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), including where you can access the privacy notice. This information is also available online –

<https://www.nfer.ac.uk/for-schools/participate-in-research/impact-of-ks1-school-closures-on-later-attainment-and-social-skills-study/>

If you are happy for your child's data to be used for this project, **you do not need to return the enclosed reply slip**. However, please inform your child's teacher if you would like to withdraw your child's data from this project at any subsequent stage. If you would prefer your child's data not to be shared, stored and used for this project, please complete the enclosed form and return it to your child's school.

If you have any queries please contact my colleague Jessica Fathers via email at [KS1AttainmentResearch@nfer.ac.uk](mailto:KS1AttainmentResearch@nfer.ac.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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National Foundation for Educational Research

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**KS1 Longitudinal Recovery Study: Withdrawal from data processing**

**Restricted**

**You only need to complete this form if you DO NOT wish your child’s data to be shared, stored and used for this research. If you wish to withdraw your child from the project, please return this slip to your child’s teacher.**

I **DO NOT** give permission for data about my child that is collected as part of the above research project to be shared, stored or used for research purposes.

Child’s name.....Child’s class:.....

Name of school.....

Your full name.....

Your telephone number (optional).....

Your signature..... Date.....