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Centre for Excellence in Modern Foreign Language Pedagogy

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Department for Education has established a National Centre for Excellence in Language Pedagogy, which aims to improve language teaching and the uptake of Modern Foreign Languages at Key Stage 3 and 4. Your child's school is one of 45 schools taking part in a 2-year project with the Centre.

Purpose of the study

The Centre aims to stimulate the use of research-informed teaching materials and methods in order to improve learners' foreign language abilities.

As part of the project Professor Emma Marsden and Dr Rachel Hawkes will collect data to measure how effective these changes are in improving pupils' language skills and in increasing pupils' uptake of foreign language at Key Stages 3 and 4.

What does this mean for your child?

Your child will be taught by their regular foreign language teachers during regular class hours. The planned changes concern content and teaching methodology, but will be in line with standard curriculum aims.

For the study we will collect the following information:

- Information on pupils' intended and eventual uptake of foreign language classes.
- Information on free school meals, pupil premiums, post codes, and KS2 SATS.
- Information on the language learning process, including knowledge of
 - Vocabulary
 - Phonics
 - Grammar

Information on language learning will be collected at three time points: at the start of the project, immediately after the teaching period ends, and some time after the project ends. We will use online surveys, paper and online tests, and possibly a spoken test. Testing will take place during regular school hours in class setting. If it is necessary to work with pupils individually, all adults will have completed a Disclosure and Barring Service.

Your child's data

For information about General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) please follow the link https://www.york.ac.uk/education/research/gdpr_information/

Information will be treated confidentially and shared on a need-to-know basis only. The University is committed to the principle of data protection by design and default and will collect the minimum amount of data necessary for the project. In addition, we will anonymise or pseudonymise data wherever possible.

We will put in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect your child's personal data. Access to it is on a need-to-know basis and data will be password protected.

Your child's foreign language skills data and the data on free school meals, pupil premiums, postcode data, and KS2 SATS can be withdrawn up to the point at which it is shared with the Centre by contacting Mrs Park at your child's school by Friday 5 April.

We are practising Open Science and anonymised data will be managed professionally and stored indefinitely with Research Data York and /or IRIS. The data that we collect (transcripts, survey responses) may be used in *anonymous* format in different ways, e.g. in teaching, presentations, and academic and professional publications.

Questions or concerns

If you have any questions about this participant information sheet or concerns about how your child's data is being processed, please feel free to contact Professor Emma Marsden by email (emma.marsden@york.ac.uk) or by telephone on +44 (0)1904 328159, or the Chair of Ethics Committee via email education-research-administrator@york.ac.uk. If you are still dissatisfied, please contact the University's Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@york.ac.uk

Please keep this information sheet for your own records. Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Marsden & Rachel Hawkes