



Participant Information Leaflet for Parents/Carers of KS2 Pupils

Study Title:	Investigating Implementation Support for the Connect Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Programme
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Introduction

Your child's school has been invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide if you would like your child to take part, you need to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve for your child. Please take the time to read the following information carefully.

Please contact us using the contact details at the end of the sheet if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish for your child to take part.

What is the study about?

Connect PSHE is a well-being programme for primary school pupils, delivered to pupils by their teachers. The programme aims to build pupils' emotional resilience by engaging them with six key well-being behaviours: connecting with others, challenging oneself, giving to others, exercising, embracing the moment and self-care.

We want to find out the best way to support teachers to deliver Connect PSHE for Key Stage 2 pupils. We will do this by comparing pupils' well-being outcomes before and after receiving the Connect programme, for two groups. In the first group, teachers delivering the programme will receive the usual level of support. In the second group, teachers delivering the programme will receive additional support from a Connect-trained researcher. Your child's school will be randomly assigned to one of the two groups.

What would my child be asked to do?

Before your child can be part of the study, we will need your consent for them to take part. The consent form is attached to this information sheet and needs to be completed and returned to the school to let us know if you are happy for your child to take part.

In January 2022, your child's teacher will be trained in the delivery of Connect PSHE, who will then deliver the Connect programme to all pupils in your child's class. The lessons will be delivered every week for two terms.

Researchers from the University of Warwick will visit your child's school twice to collect information from learners— at the beginning and end of the Connect programme. The first research visit will take place in January 2022 and follow-up visit will take place in June 2022.

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We will explain to all pupils what the study is about and what they will be asked to do. They will be informed that they do not have to take part if they don't want to, and can stop at any time without providing a reason.

Pupils will complete two questionnaires, asking about how they feel at school and about their general well-being. This will take around 20 minutes. Your child's teacher will be asked to complete a questionnaire, called the Strengths & Difficulties Questionnaire, about the well-being and behaviour of each of the pupils in their class.

We will also ask your school provide us with some information about your child, if you consent to this being shared with us. This will include your child's gender, year group, eligibility for free school meals and whether or not they have a special education need or disability.

Does my child have to take part?

No. Participation in this study is completely voluntary and choosing not to take part will not affect your child in any way. You can also choose to withdraw your child's participation without giving a reason by contacting your school. Further details about withdrawing from the study are provided later on in this information sheet.

What are the possible benefits of taking part in this study?

All participating pupils will receive Connect PSHE, a well-being curriculum designed to improve pupils' emotional resilience.

How will information about my child be handled?

We will ask your school to assign each pupil with a unique identification number. This will be used to link the data collected at the two time points (before and after delivery of the Connect programme). It will not be possible to link data to an individual pupil.

Pupils and teachers will complete paper questionnaires, which will be collected on the day by the research team. All data will be inputted into an electronic database and paper copies will be destroyed when data collection is complete. The study data will be stored securely at the University of Warwick, and will only be accessible by members of the research team. Scanned consent forms will also be stored securely, separate from the study data.

What will happen to the information collected about my child?

The University of Warwick team will use the data in the ways needed to conduct and analyse the research study. We will act as the data controller for this study and are committed to protecting the rights of individuals in line with data protection legislation. Data and consent forms will be kept securely for up to 10 years in line with the University of Warwick's policies.

To safeguard pupil's rights, we will use the minimum personally-identifiable information possible and keep the data secure in line with the University's Information and Data Compliance policies. For further information, please refer to the University of Warwick Research Privacy Notice which is available here:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/idc/dataprotection/privacynotices/researchprivacynotice> or by contacting the Legal and Compliance Team at GDPR@warwick.ac.uk.

What if I don't want my child to carry on being part of the study?

There is no obligation for your child to participate in the study. You may decline for your child to participate and are free to withdraw your child from the study without giving reason, by

informing your school. You may choose to withdraw your child from any further participation in the study, or you can withdraw your child and their data completely, where any information already collected will be destroyed and no further data will be collected. It will no longer be possible to withdraw your child after data collection is complete, as the data will be anonymised.

If your child's school withdraws from the study, they will be asked to inform you of the withdrawal and to ask what you would like to happen with the data collected from your child up to that point.

Ethical Approval:

The project has been approved by University of Warwick's Humanities and Social Science Research Ethics Committee (HSSREC) **Insert your HSSREC reference number here.**

Who should I contact if I want further information?

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Who should I contact if I wish to make a complaint?

Any complaint about the way you have been dealt with during the study or any possible harm you might have suffered will be addressed. Please address your complaint to the person below, who is a senior University of Warwick official entirely independent of this study:

Head of Research Governance

Research & Impact Services
University House
University of Warwick
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CV4 8UW
Email: researchgovernance@warwick.ac.uk
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If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter: DPO@warwick.ac.uk.
If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing personal data in a

way that is not lawful you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Thank you for taking the time to read this information leaflet.