

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you to let you know about a study that is currently underway at your child's school. We, at Queen's University, are planning to look at reading ability, confidence, hopes for the future and enjoyment of school and how all these factors are related to each other. We will be conducting the first phase of this study with P5 pupils across a number of schools in Northern Ireland this September.

A member of the Queen's research team will be visiting your child's school in the next couple of weeks and P5 Pupils will be asked to complete a short reading exercise and answer some questions relating to things like their hopes for the future and their enjoyment of school. The information your child provides will remain strictly confidential. We may use the information in the writing of reports and papers, however information will not be used in a way that a child or family could be identified.

However, if you would **not** like your child to take part in this phase of the study can you please complete the section below and return it to your child's teacher within 2 days of receiving this letter. If you are happy for your child to take part you do not need to return the section below.

If you have any queries regarding this study please do not hesitate to contact me on 90975944 or by email: s.j.allen@qub.ac.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sarah Allen  
Principal Investigator  
NFER at Queen's Centre for Educational Research

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I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent's name) **DO NOT** consent to my child

\_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) taking part in the Queen's

University study described above.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_