

What is the purpose of this research project?



Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) states that children and young people have the right to freely express their views, be listened to and be taken seriously in all matters that affect them.

We want to make sure children and young people are involved in decisions which affect them, but we think people might need information and support to help them know how to best do this. We want to involve you and get your views to inform guidance which is shared with schools.



Why have I been invited to take part?

Your school is interested in improving how children and young people are meaningfully involved in decisions about individual planning/supports and decisions about class/whole school life. They would like to gather your views to support this and inform guidance in Glasgow. Taking part in this research will give you the opportunity to be involved in an important piece of work on children and young people's rights.

Do I have to take part?

You do not have to take part. If you do not want to take part, you do not need to complete the survey.

Where can I get more information?

If you would like more information about this research project or you would like to ask questions, please speak to your school link(s).

If you would like more information on how this research will inform Glasgow guidance, please contact

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Participant Information Sheet:

Research Title: How do we meaningfully involve children and young people in decision making?

Researchers: Glasgow Educational Psychology Service, in collaboration with Glasgow schools and young people

Please read this information carefully before deciding if you would like to take part in this research. If you are happy to participate, you will be asked for your consent.



What will happen to me if I take part?

QUESTIONNAIRE: A Microsoft Form questionnaire will be shared with pupils in the school or with parents/carers. This will be anonymous, meaning your name will not be recorded. At the beginning of the questionnaire, you will be asked to confirm your consent. If you decide to take part, you can complete the questionnaire.



What happens if I change my mind?

You have the right to change your mind and say you don't want to take part in the research anymore. This will not have a negative effect on you or your education. As the questionnaire is anonymous, your responses cannot be removed once you have clicked 'submit'.



What will happen to the information that I provide? Will my participation be confidential?

Questionnaire: The information you share by completing the questionnaire will be anonymous, meaning it will not be linked to your name.

All information collected will be analysed by the school and researchers in Glasgow Educational Psychology Service (GEPS). It will be stored on a secure server in the school and GEPS. The information gathered from this research will be used by the school to inform improvements and will be fed back to you. It will be used by the research team to inform guidance for schools in Glasgow, once this updated it will be available here:

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What are the benefits of taking part? Are there any risks involved?

You will be part of research which helps meaningfully involve children and young people in decisions which affect them. We don't think there are any risks in taking part in this research, but feel free to ask us if you are concerned about anything in particular.