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Dear Parent / Carer

This year in Lawmuir Primary, we are adopting play based teaching and learning approaches in primary 1. We will closely monitor the impact on children's learning and development across the curriculum. Part of this involves our P1 class teachers undertaking small-scale research within the classroom.

1. What are the aims of this project?

Through easing the transition process from nursery to primary school, play-based teaching and learning approaches aim to create a relaxed atmosphere for pupils and develop a readiness to learn. This method has been found to positively impact on both pupil engagement and attainment within the early level curriculum by increasing pupil's motivation and enjoyment of the school environment. The Play Project research will allow us to monitor, develop and improve our approach in line with pupil's development across the year.

2. In what way is my child involved?

Primary 1 pupils are engaging in school life as normal. The class teachers are incorporating a range of play-based learning and teaching approaches to support children's engagement and attainment. The research element will allow pupil's learning and development to be closely monitored using additional measures of development and engagement, such as class observation. This data will be gathered primarily by school staff, with minimal disturbance to the school day.

3. What will happen to the data gathered from the P1 Play Project?

The data gathered will be collated and analysed by a Research Development Officer from Psychological Service. This information will help to support class teachers in developing and improving their learning and teaching approaches in the classroom.

4. What happens next?

If you agree for your child's information to be included in class teacher's action research project, please sign and return the form attached. Should you require further information or have questions you can contact Miss Stewart or Mrs Hawkins.

I greatly appreciate your support with this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorraine Hunter".

Lorraine Hunter
Head Teacher



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Primary 1 Play-Based Action Research Consent Form

I agree for my child's assessment information to be included in the action research project in Lawmuir Primary, which is aiming to explore the impact and development of play-based approaches to teaching and learning.

Child's name (please print): _____

DOB: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

