

Client Assent for participating in a Research Study

A research project of the University of Pretoria

Project Title: XXXXXX

To be read to children under the age of 18 years

Why am I here?

Sometimes when we want to find out something, we ask people to join something called a project. In this project we will want to ask you about yourself and we will ask you to participate in activities focused on your own development and learning. Before we ask you to be part of this study we want to tell you about it first.

This study will give us a chance to see how we, together with your school and teachers, can help you address career and learning challenges that you may have here at school. We also want to help you gain some skills in your learning here at school so that you can be better equipped to support yourself during your education and after leaving school. We are asking you to be in this study because your parents/guardians have agreed that you can be part of our study.

What will happen to me?

If you want to be part of our study you will spend some time with us answering some questions and participating in some activities. This will be done at 2 different times when we come to your school this year – once some time soon then again for a second visit later on in the year. The questions and activities will be about you and your career development and learning. There are no right or wrong answers, only what you feel is best. You will also be asked to join some other children in a group, just like at school, except this time it would be playing games and talking.

If you agree, we would like to take photographs and audiovisual footage of you during some of the project activities. People will be able to see your face and hear your voice if we decide to show the images during discussions, as well as reports we write about the project. However, we will not tell anyone your name.

Will the project hurt?

No, the project will not hurt. The questions and activities can take a long time but you can take a break if you are feeling tired or if you don't want to answer all the questions at one time. If you don't want to answer a question, or participate in an activity, you don't need to. All of your answers will be kept private. No one, not even someone in your family or your teachers will be told your answers.

Will the study help me?

We hope this study will help you feel good about yourself and learn more about yourself and what you can do in school and one day when you want a job or career, but we don't know if this will happen.

What if I have any questions?

You can ask any questions you have about the study. If you have questions later that you don't think of now you can phone xxxxxxxx (researcher) at xxxxxxxx (telephone number) or you can ask us next time we come to visit you here at your school.

Do my parents/guardians know about this project?

This study was explained to your parents/guardians and they said you could be part of the study if you want to. You can talk this over with them before you decide if you want to be in the study or not.

Do I have to be in the project?

You do not have to be in this project. No one will be upset if you don't want to do this. If you don't want to be in the project, you just have to tell us. You can say yes no and if you change your mind later you don't have to be part of the project anymore. It's up to you.

(a) Writing your name on this page means that you **agree to be in the project** and that you **know what will happen to you** in this study. If you decide to quit the project all you have to do is tell the person in charge.

Signature of learner

Date

Signature of Student

Date

(b) Writing your name here means that you agree that **we can take photographs and audiovisual footage** of you during the project and share these images during discussions, as well as reports we write about the project. We will not share your name with the people who see the images. If you decide that we should rather not take photographs or audiovisual footage of you in the project, all you have to do is tell the person in charge.

Signature of learner

Date

Signature of Student

Date

If you have any further questions about this study, you can phone the investigator, xxxxxxxx at 012 420 xxxx. If you have a question about your rights as a participant you can contact the University of Pretoria faculty of Education Ethics Committee at 012 420 xxxx.