

School Life during Covid-19 Study

Young Persons Information Sheet

What is this study trying to find out?

We want to find out how young people are adapting to school life during COVID-19. We also want to hear your views on school measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, for example year 'bubbles' and social distancing. We hope this information will help us improve how young people are supported at school.

Why have I been invited?

We are inviting young people who attend secondary school in Bristol to take part. We would like to hear from pupils in any year group (7-13).

What do I have to do?

We'd like to invite you to take part in an interview to share your views. You will need to get your parent or carer to consent (give their permission) before you take part. If you are happy to take part in the interview, you will also be asked to give your permission verbally to show that you agree to take part.

What is involved?

If you agree to take part, and your parent/carer has given you permission to (if under 16), we may contact you to arrange an interview. This will be at a time convenient for you and can be over the phone or online by video. During the interview we will ask you about school life during COVID-19, including any concerns and ways that school can address them. You do not have to answer every question - it's fine to skip questions if you don't want to answer. The interview will take up to 45 minutes.

Can I bring a friend or parent/carer?

You can do the interview on your own, or you can be interviewed together with one or two friends from your school (in your year group). They will also need to get parent/carer permission to take part. You can also choose for your parent/carer to be at the interview.

Do I have to take part and what if I change my mind?

We hope you want to take part, but it is up to you. You do not have to take part if you do not want to. You can change your mind at any time, without having to tell us why. If you want to leave the study, let us know and we will delete your interview, as long as we haven't anonymised and started to analyse the data. That usually happens within a week of the interview.

Will it be confidential?

Yes. We will digitally audio record the interview and then write down what you said, taking out your name and anything else that might identify you. We will treat what you say as private, that means we will not tell your school or anyone else what you have said. But if you say something that suggests you

are in danger, we will have to tell either a parent/carer or someone at your school. If this needs to happen, we will try to discuss this with you first.

Are there any benefits to taking part?

Some young people like to help with research and enjoy talking about their experiences in an interview. Telling us what you think may help improve the experiences of school for young people in the future. You (and each friend that takes part with you) will receive a £20 Amazon voucher after the interview to thank you for taking part.

Are there any risks to taking part?

We understand talking about coronavirus may raise issues that are personal to you. We respect you and we are interested in what you have to say. If you get upset, you can pause or stop the interview at any time. If you have any questions or concerns about COVID in general, we can provide an information sheet.

Who will know if I take part in the study?

If you are under 16 you will need your parent/carer's permission to take part, but what you say to the researcher will be confidential. Your school will not be told you are taking part.

What happens to the interview data and can I find out about the study results?

Anonymised interview data will be safely stored by the University and with your permission may be used by in future research projects. You can still take part in our study if you prefer that your data not be used for other studies. We will email your school a summary of our findings at the end of the project.

When I have finished, then what?

When the interview is finished your involvement in the study will end and we will not need to contact you again. When the study is finished, we will write a report which explains the findings. Nobody will be able to see that you took part in the interview.

Who is in charge of this research?

The research is led by Dr Sarah Bell and Jane Williams, under the supervision of Sabi Redwood and Jeremy Horwood from the University of Bristol. It was funded by the Medical Research Council (MRC).

What do I do if I want to take part or have any questions?

If you are interested in taking part, please [fill out this form](#) so we know how to contact you. If you are under 16, your parent or carer needs to give their permission on this form, before you can take part in the interview.

For more information you can visit our [study webpage](#) and watch the study [video](#).

If you have any questions or want more information, you, with your parents'/carers' permission, or your parent/carer can get in touch with the researchers Sarah Bell or Jane Williams by email: school-life-study@bristol.ac.uk.

THANK YOU