

School Life during Covid-19 Study

Young Persons Information Sheet

We are asking you to take part in a research study. We are asking lots of young people if they would like to take part. This sheet explains what we are asking you to do. Talk to your family and friends and think about whether you would like to take part.

What is this study trying to find out?

How is school life during COVID-19 and what you think about having to do things to help stop the spread of COVID-19, for example washing hands and social distancing. We are doing this to help schools to help young people and stop COVID-19 spreading.

Why have you asked me?

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?

Dr Sarah Bell or Jane Williams, researchers from the University of Bristol, will talk to you about what school life is like. This can take place wherever you would like it to. It could be at school, over the phone or using Zoom. The conversation will last about 45 minutes. You do not have to answer every question – it is fine to skip questions if you don't want to answer and you can stop, or take breaks, whenever you want to.

We will ask your parent or carer to give their permission before you take part.

Can I bring a friend or parent/carers?

Yes, you can be with one or two friends from your school (in your year group) who are also taking part in this research study, or with your parent/carers.

Do I have to take part?

No. Only you can decide if you would like to take part and you can change your mind at any time.

What if I change my mind?

You can change your mind and stop taking part in the study until a month after your talk with the researcher. You do not have to give a reason. To stop taking part, let the researcher know and all information you have given to them will be destroyed.

Will my personal information be kept private?

Yes, all the information you tell us will be held securely at the University of Bristol and will only be seen by the research team. When the talk is typed up, any information that could identify you (such as your name) will be replaced e.g. with a code number. It will not be possible to work out who said the things we write up.

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/carers or someone at your school. If this needs to happen, we will try to talk to you first about it.

What are the good things about taking part?

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

Are there any bad things about taking part?

If you get upset when talking to us, you can stop the interview at any time.

What will happen to the results of this study?

The University of Bristol research team will look at each of the typed copies of the talks separately and then discuss what they have found to see if there are similarities or differences between each talk. The findings of this study will be used to hopefully make school life better in the future and will be published in a journal for teachers and others working in schools. We will email your school with a summary of our results at the end of the project.

What should I do if I want to take part?

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/carers can get in touch with the researchers Sarah Bell or Jane Williams by email: school-life-study@bristol.ac.uk.

Thank you