

# Helping People to Protect Themselves from COVID-19 at Home and School – Information for Young People

We think that young people's views are really important so we are inviting you to take part in a research project to find out what you think of a website called 'Germ Defence'. Please read the information below carefully and ask questions if anything is not clear.



GermDefence



## Quick information about the study...

- ◆ Germ Defence is designed to help people protect themselves and others from Coronavirus (COVID-19). We need to make some changes to Germ Defence so that it can be used in schools.
- ◆ You're being invited because your school is helping with the study – it's up to you if you want to take part. We need to talk to young people like you to find out what you think of Germ Defence.
- ◆ We will use what we find out to make Germ Defence more helpful, easy to use and interesting.
- ◆ If you take part, we would speak to you on the phone or a video call for up to 60 minutes.
- ◆ The study is being run by researchers at the University of Bristol and is approved by University of Bristol.

## What do I do next if I want to take part?

- ◆ If you want to take part, **you need to be aged between 11 and 18 years**, and you or your parent need to contact us using the information **at the bottom of the next page**. If you're under 16, we need your parent to say this is okay.

## What do you want me to do?

- ◆ We would like to talk to you (online or on the phone) about a website to help you protect yourself and your friends from Coronavirus at school.
- ◆ In the conversation, the researcher will ask you what you think about Coronavirus.
- ◆ You will then look at the Germ Defence website and tell us what you think.
- ◆ The conversation will last up to 60 minutes and will be recorded to keep a record of what you tell us.
- ◆ At the start, a researcher will make sure that you and your parent or carer are happy for you to take part, and for the conversation to be recorded. We will record this part, but it will be separate to the rest of your conversation.
- ◆ The conversation will be led by researchers with lots of experience working with young people.



## Are there any benefits or risks to taking part?



- ◆ You will receive a **£20 shopping voucher** as a thank you for your time. Over time your feedback could help schools like yours to get 'back to normal' faster and find ways to make dealing with coronavirus at school easier.
- ◆ We don't think that anything we ask in the phone/online call will upset you. If you are worried about Coronavirus, you might find it hard to talk about. You can always choose not to answer a question.
- ◆ The researcher is not a doctor or nurse and so can't answer any medical questions. They will suggest you speak to your parents or teacher if you are feeling nervous about the virus.

## What if I don't want to take part or I change my mind?

- ◆ It is up to you if you want to take part. If you do, you and your parent/carer will have to say that you are happy to take part while we record you.
- ◆ You can change your mind and stop taking part at any time without giving a reason.
- ◆ If you tell the researcher you would like to stop the call, all information collected so far will be deleted.
- ◆ If you contact the research team after the conversation to stop taking part in the study, we will not contact you again but the typed record of your conversation will still be used for the research.



## What information will be collected?

- ◆ The recording of the telephone/video conversation will be typed up. These records will not include any names or other details that could let other people know who you are.
- ◆ We will ask about your postcode and ethnic group so we can check we are speaking to a wide range of different people. If you tell us anything that we later use in our reports, no one will know that you told us this.



## Who will know what I have said or what information I have provided?

- ◆ 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 that happens, we will try to discuss it with you first.
- ◆ The typed records, the recording of your agreement to take part, and the information you tell us about yourself will be kept on a secure network at the University of Bristol. Only the research team can look at these.
- ◆ At the end of the study the recording of your conversation will be deleted. The typed record will be kept for 10 years. Your name, postcode and contact details will be kept during the study so we can contact you, but they will be deleted after the study has ended.



## What happens if there is a problem?

- ◆ If you have a concern about the study, please speak to the researchers who will do their best to answer your questions.
- ◆ If you are still unhappy or have a complaint about any part of this study, you or your parent can contact the Research Governance Office at the University of Bristol: [research-governance@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:research-governance@bristol.ac.uk)



## What if I have questions/ How do I take part?

- ◆ If you want to ask any questions, please email the research team: [germ-defence-schools@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:germ-defence-schools@bristol.ac.uk)
- ◆ To let us know that you would like to take part, you or your parent can email us to arrange a time for the call to take place.

