

Information Letter for Parents of Children Participating in the Betting and gaming in everyday life project: focus groups

Invitation to take part

The betting and gaming in everyday life project is a research project which aims to understand more about how young people think and feel about betting and gaming and how it impacts upon them. This leaflet explains more about the project and asks for your consent for your child to take part in study.

What is the Betting and Gaming study about?

This is national study which aims to gain an insight into what young people think about betting and gaming. It has been funded by the Wellcome Trust and is being conducted by researchers at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. We intend to conduct group interviews within the school setting with approximately 50 children taking part overall.

What will happen if I agree that my child can take part?

We would like to ask your child about the types of things they consider to be gambling or gaming, and what they think about these kinds of activities. Your child will take part in a group interview (with 12 other children from his/her school). The interviews will take place from March to April 2019. If you agree to your child taking part in this study, please mark the answers on the Consent form. We need your contact details in order to conduct the focus groups correctly (only children whose parents have signed the consent form can participate).

We will also ask your child if they are willing to take part and will take time to explain the study to them also. Only children whose parents have agreed **and** who have agreed themselves to take part will be included in the research.

Returning the consent form

Please complete the consent form and place it in the envelope. Seal it. Your child will return the envelope to school (to the class teacher or administration office). The results will only be presented for the whole group of children and no information identifying individual children or families will be reported or published.

Who are the research team members?

The project is being led by Dr Heather Wardle from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She, along with a colleague Gifty Oduro-Anyan, will conduct all group interviews. Heather will be very happy to answer any further questions that you might have. Her telephone number is 0774 545 8519 and email is heather.wardle@lshtm.ac.uk

The project has been approved by the LSE Research Ethics Committee.

Thank you for your valued time and participation