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Dear Parent/Carer

Request for your child to take part in PE survey.

Sheffield Hallam University would like to inform you about research taking place at the academy to evaluate the effectiveness of a new initiative to improve students experience of PE and physical activity, that is currently being offered to all secondary schools in England.

The research project requires students to complete a short on-line survey that asks their opinion of the Physical education, physical activity and sport opportunities available to them at school. The University undertakes research as part of its function for the community under its legal status. Data protection allows us to use personal data for research with appropriate safeguards in place under the legal basis of public tasks that are in the public interest. This questionnaire will take place during lesson time.

A full statement of your rights can be found at <u>https://www.shu.ac.uk/about-this-website/privacy-policy/privacy-notices/privacy-notice</u> for-research. However, all University research is reviewed to ensure that participants are treated appropriately, and their rights respected. All data from the study is anonymous and your child's data will be combined with those of many others and summarised in a report to further protect their anonymity. A "prefer not to say" option is included for any demographic question should you prefer your child not to disclose this information.

The academy will receive a report detailing the data that is input into the survey, however, any demographic information that is collected will not be included and the identification of individuals from the data will not be possible. Sport England and the Secondary Teacher Training Consortium will also receive regular reports detailing the results of the survey from all schools across the country. Again, these are fully anonymised, and no individual will be identifiable.

To communicate our research to the public and the academic community your anonymised data is likely to form part of a research publication or conference presentation or public talk. The survey will be administered once at the beginning of the research and again at the end to document any change in response. The research will take place between April 2021 and July 2022, data will be kept by Sheffield Hallam University for a period of ten years after the completion of the project before being destroyed. In addition, your child's school may be chosen to take part in some small workshops that would take place in school time. Further information will be provided if and when your child's school is chosen. If you would like your child to <u>not</u> participate in the research study, please could you let your child's school know by emailing <u>mark.lloyd@tnha.org.uk</u> by Friday 19th November.

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Your child will also be required to give their consent for us to use their response in the research, this will be done by ticking a box on the survey. Please note that your child's non-participation in the study will not result in any negative influence of participation in comparison to your child's peers. It will mean that they will not participate in the survey and workshops should the academy be chosen.

If you would like any further information, please see the attached information sheet or please get in contact with Tim Vernon Senior Research Fellow, Sheffield Hallam University, Tel. 0114 225 5761 Email: t.vernon@shu.ac.uk

Yours faithfully

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