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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Research on the impact of Covid-19 school closures and support strategies on pupils' learning and social wellbeing in Key Stage 1**

We are writing to you to let you know that your child's school has been selected to participate in a research project to determine the impact of the school closures during the current Covid-19 lockdown period. This is an exciting study and all the children in your child's year group have been selected to take part.

The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) has been commissioned to carry out this research by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) to learn more about the impact of Covid-19-related school closures on the attainment gap, and schools' responses during closures and reopening.

The research is due to take place termly, during the 2020/2021 academic year and will begin in November 2020. The children will complete a mathematics and a reading assessment already planned by their school; no additional unplanned assessments will be carried out. Their individual responses will be kept completely confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside of the NFER.

We very much appreciate your and your child's participation. Enclosed with this letter you will find a 'School Information Sheet' with more information about the research and our commitment to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), including where you can access the privacy notice.

If you are happy for your child's data to be used for this project, **you do not need to return the enclosed reply slip**. However, please inform your child's teacher if you would like to withdraw your child's data from this project at any subsequent stage. If you would prefer your child's data not to be shared, stored and used for this project, please complete the enclosed form and return it to your child's school.

If you have any queries please contact my colleague Robert Weeks on 01753 637142 or via email at [KS1AttainmentResearch@nfer.ac.uk](mailto:KS1AttainmentResearch@nfer.ac.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn Hurd  
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**Research into the Impact of School Closures – withdrawal from data processing.**

**You only need to complete this form if you DO NOT wish your child’s data to be shared, stored and used for this research.**

I **DO NOT** give permission for data about my child that is collected as part of the above research project to be shared, stored or used for research purposes.

Child’s name.....Child’s class:.....

Name of school.....

Your full name.....

Your telephone number (optional).....

Your signature..... Date.....