A multiple case study of pro-oracy secondary schools

I am writing to let you know that I am inviting your child to take part in the research into oracy (speaking and listening) that I am carrying out for my PhD level studies. The purpose of the project is:

- To complement the growing body of research into a highly contested area of education.
- To document and compare the experiences of schools that are actively developing oracy (‘pro-oracy schools’).
- To identify workable models of good practice for those involved in oracy education.

Your child has been invited to take part as they are participating in oracy lessons this year. I will be visiting a small number of lessons to find out what kinds of oracy activities are going on at the school. I will be looking at the teaching and learning of the class overall, rather than focusing on particular pupils.

Your child does not have to take part, but I’d like to assure you that all information I collect will be anonymised. Nobody who takes part will be identifiable and there are no risks associated with your child’s involvement. If after agreeing to your child taking part in this project you, for any reason, decide to change your mind then you are free to withdraw at any point with no need to give a reason. You can withdraw at any point up to July 2019.

The findings of the project will be presented in published material, at conferences, and in a final PhD thesis.

If you do not wish your child to participate in observed lessons then please go on to complete the opt-out consent form. If you do not return the form it will be assumed that you are happy for your child to participate.

If you have any questions or require more information about this study, please contact me using the following contact details:

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If this study has harmed you in any way or if you wish to make a complaint about the conduct of the study you can contact King's College London using the details below for further advice and information:

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Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering taking part in this research.

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(PhD research project)

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PARENT/CARER OPT-OUT CONSENT FORM – LESSON OBSERVATIONS

Please return this slip to your child’s school by ????????? if you DO NOT consent to your child participating in lessons that are being observed for this project.

Child’s full name ................................................... Class ....................................

I do not wish my child to participate in lessons that are being observed for this project.

Parent/Carer’s Signature ..............................................................

Parent/Carer’s Name .................................................................

Date ..............................................................