

Hello,

I'm a PhD student with the University of Suffolk, and I'm researching how the National Curriculum is used by practitioners in primary schools. The study is a fantastic opportunity for you to discuss and show how you use the curriculum in your daily practice.

Below are answers to some questions you may have about what taking part in the study involves:

- *What does taking part involve?*

Participation involves talking about how you use the curriculum in your daily practice in an interview which will last about 30 minutes. I'm also looking at curriculum policies and long-and-medium-term planning to see how parts of the curriculum, such as non-year group specific content, are delivered.

- *What are the benefits of taking part?*

You can share how you use the curriculum to inform what you teach and how you teach it. This can highlight areas of best practice, and it may also shed light on issues with the National Curriculum in general. Your input will add to the existing knowledge base surrounding the National Curriculum, and your contributions can help researchers to gain a broader understanding of how the curriculum is used in schools.

- *What happens if I change my mind?*

If you no longer want your interview to be included in my research, you can withdraw your consent for your data will not be used. Consent cannot be withdrawn after I have anonymised interview transcripts as they will not be easily identifiable because all identifiable information will have been removed.

- *How will you protect my data?*

To maintain confidentiality, I will use pseudonyms for information such as names and locations. Any specific details that could identify you, your school, or an individual will not be included. All documents and recordings will be securely stored on password-protected devices and will not be shared with anyone. The only exception to confidentiality will be if a safeguarding concern arises, when I must follow the safeguarding policies of your school and of the University of Suffolk.

- *What happens after the study?*

You will be sent a short, voluntary, questionnaire to gain feedback on the research process. My work will be sent to the University of Suffolk's review boards for their evaluation and assessment, and it may be submitted to academic journals for publication. A copy of the study can be sent to you, if you'd like to read it.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you'd like to take part, or would like more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch using my contact details above.

Kind regards,

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