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Dear Parent/Carer

Design Technology

From time-to-time, classes in school might be involved in small scale action research projects to help develop the school's understanding of the most effective teaching and learning strategies. This might involve answering a questionnaire or taking part in a small focus group to gain pupils' perspectives on their learning, and some pupils might be more closely monitored, in order to see the effectiveness of particular teaching and learning approaches. All the data is kept entirely confidential and separate from the pupils' school records, all pupils' names (and indeed the identity of the school) are removed from the report.

Whilst the majority of this will take place during normal lessons, pupils have the right of withdrawal from any additional data gathering, such as completing a questionnaire, or participation in any focus group, or similar research activities. Similarly, whilst all pupils will need to complete any work that is part of the curriculum, any individual has the right to withdraw their own grades or test scores from any data which is used to inform the research.

The upcoming research will take place in Year 9 textiles and will research the impact of lesson starters focusing on the practise of creative thinking skills when generating initial ideas for an upcycling plastics project. Additional data gathering will include two short questionnaires and a small focus group interview at the end of a five-lesson sequence.

If you have any concerns or questions that you wish to raise, or you would prefer your child NOT to be included in any data for this research, then please contact me at this email address: lkeogh@elycollege.co.uk

If I have not heard from you by 8th March 2021, when data collection is scheduled to begin, I will assume that you consent for your child to be involved. Even where your consent is assumed in this way, I would like to assure you that:

- no pupil will be required to participate in any extra-curricular data gathering (pupils still retain their right of withdrawal even if you have consented in principle);
- all data will be treated as confidential;
- there are no impacts regarding any pupil's school record;
- names of individual pupils will not appear in any report of this research.

Your faithfully

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