

29th March 2018

**Year 7
TQEA Parents and Guardians**

Dear Parents and Guardians

Year 7 Transition Study by University of Leicester student

Kara is a student in her final year at the University of Leicester, she has been working with a local primary school during the last year looking at transition anxiety from primary to secondary schools. Kara is collecting data from current year 6 students about anticipation / trepidation of the transition and would like to collect comparison data from our year 7 students about their actual experience from starting here at TQEA last September.

Kara will be giving us a set of the anonymous findings/outcomes and results data for us to use when organising future transition events for the students making their way to us from primary school.

I have attached the information from Kara for you to have a look at, if you would not like your child to take part in the anonymous study please let us know via 01827 712477 or info@tqea.org.uk by the end of Monday 16th April 2018 and we will leave them out of the data gathering exercise.

Yours sincerely



Mr D Watts
Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Merkara Kitchen and I currently volunteer with Year 6 at Racemeadow Primary school. I am also an undergraduate student at the University of Leicester and am conducting a piece of research on transition to secondary school. As part of that research I wish to gather information through questionnaires about children's feelings towards transition to secondary school.

Title of Project: Is transition to secondary school a contributing factor to anxiety for year 6 children?

Please read carefully through all the information before making a decision on your participation

If you agree that your child can take part in this research, I will ask him/her to fill out a questionnaire relating to going to secondary school. It should take approximately 20 minutes and will be conducted during class time.

Your child's participation in this research is completely voluntary. If at any point, you or your child no longer wish to take part in the research you have the right to withdraw at anytime and there will be no pressure to stay.

All the information your child provides **will be anonymous and confidential**. It will only be used for the purposes of this research and will only be accessible to me. No third parties will have access to any of the information you provide.

The data will be collected and stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will be disposed of in a secure manner. The information will be used in a way that will not allow your child to be identified individually.

You will have the opportunity to discuss your participation and be debriefed on the research once it has been conducted and analysed.

If you are not sure about anything mentioned above, please do not hesitate to ask me or Mrs. Ward.

If you wish for you child **NOT** to take part in this research, please return this form back to school:
Tuesday 17th April 2018

I do not wish for to take part in this research into transition.

Parent/Guardian Signature.....

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

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My name is Merkara Kitchen and I am an undergraduate student at the University of Leicester. I am conducting a piece of research on whether years 6 pupils transition to secondary school increases their anxiety.

If you agree that your child can take part in this research, I will ask him/her to fill out a questionnaire relating to fears of going to secondary school. It should take approximately 20 minutes.

Your child's participation in this research is completely voluntary. If at any point you no longer wish for your child to take part in the research you have the right to withdraw at anytime and there will be no pressure to stay.

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If you are not sure about anything mentioned above please do not hesitate to ask me.

If you agree to take part you will be asked to sign a consent form. The consent form will not be used to identify you. It will be filed separately from all other information.

Thank you very much for your time and help!