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Research Assent Form

Child Invitation to participate – Read by Educator or by young person (depending on age and reading ability)

Some people at university have a research project they would like help with. The project is about getting to know what kind of things you like to do at your before and after school care.

What is a research study?

Research studies help us learn new things. We can test new ideas. First, we ask a question, and then we try to find the answer. Your ideas will help the university teachers know what it's like at your after school care.

Important things to know...

- You get to decide if you want to take part.
- You can say 'NO' or you can say 'Yes'.
- No one will be upset if you say 'No'.
- If you say 'Yes', you can always say 'No' later.
- You can say 'No' at any time.



Why are we doing this research?

The researchers are doing this research to find out what you like about your before and after school care centre and what you think would be good for children to do at after school care. If you would like to help with this research, your educator (person who works at your centre) will ask you to sit with some other children in your group and ask some questions, and you can answer by drawing your ideas or you can write them down. You will do the activity at the centre, and it will take no more than 30 minutes. If you want to stop at any time, that's okay, and if you would rather do the activity by yourself that okay too.



Could any bad things happen if I join this research?

No. I don't see any bad things happening to you if you join this research study. If you do not feel comfortable answering questions, you can say 'No' to what your educator asks you at any time and they will stop. No one will get upset if you say 'No' and do not want to continue.



Could the research help me?

You may have an understanding of a research project and having a voice in what you like to do at school. Being in this research study may help you think about what you would like to have happen at your before and after school care with your educator/s.



Who will know about my answers?

The educator working with you, will help you to do the task. They will then send the drawing or writing to the university teachers. The educator will not use your real name on your drawing, and all the information collected will be kept in private, so your name will not be known.

Your parents, or the person who looks after you, has talked with you about helping with the project. If you would like to help with the project, please you can write your name below. The other name is the university teacher's name. This shows you talked about the research and that you want to take part.

- I know I have a choice whether or not I want to do this project.
- I know that I can stop whenever I want.
- I know that I will be talking or drawing with other children about what I like about after school care.
- I know that I need to write my name on this page before I can help with the project.

Name of participant:

(to be written by child/young person in block letters)

Name of researcher: Associate Professor Fay Hadley

Signature of researcher

Date: 23/08/2021

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any complaints or reservations about any ethical aspect of your participation in this research, you may contact the Committee through the Director, Research Ethics & Integrity (telephone (02) 9850 7854; email ethics@mq.edu.au). Any complaint you make will be treated in confidence and investigated, and you will be informed of the outcome.

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