**Headteacher/Principal Consent Form**

School name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Headteacher/Principal name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As the headteacher/principal, I consent to the school taking part in a research study undertaken by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to explore young people’s understanding of cyberbullying, healthy relationships and peer pressure in their online lives.

I give permission for:

* A member of school staff to complete a school audit survey.
* Pupils to take part in focus groups examining their online behaviour, attitudes to, and experiences of, cyberbullying, healthy relationships and peer pressure. These focus groups will be split by gender and by age.
* Data to be shared with researchers at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, with findings published in reports and resources.

I confirm that the school will:

* Complete the focus groups within the timeline agreed.
* Provide all participants with the briefing and debriefing materials provided by the researchers.
* Provide support for any participants who have concerns or are distressed at the end of the focus group sessions. This will include taking further action to support them and following the school’s safeguarding procedures as appropriate.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the form by email to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Debrief for educators - Further Information**

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this study.

The aim of this research is to examine educator perspectives on online bullying amongst children aged 9-12, how they talk to their friends or fall out with them online, and how they feel about telling someone when they need help. This will help us learn how we can help children who have upsetting experiences online. The results from this study will inform the development of educational and training materials for children, as well as educators focusing on preventing and responding to this behaviour.

Please be assured that the information you have provided is confidential. Any quotes used or case studies developed from the study and included in project deliverables or training resources will be anonymised and no-one will be able to be identified from them.

You can withdraw from individual interviews at any point during the session by informing the researcher that you do not wish to continue and up to a week later by email/phone. The audio recording and transcript of the interview will then be deleted. If you take part in a focus group, it will not be possible to remove any contributions made to the discussion up to the point you decided to leave the session from the transcription/analysis as a result of difficulties in identifying individuals.

**Sources of support and information**

If this interview/focus group has caused you distress or raised any issues, the following services can offer confidential support and advice:

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
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You can find out more about online safety at:

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

You can also contact your organisational welfare or support systems (e.g. occupational health) if you have any concerns.

If you would like any further information about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_[project title], please contact the researchers using the details below:

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**If you have concerns about the research and you wish to raise them with somebody who is independent of the research team, please contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**THANK YOU!**