

Dear parent

Invitation to take part in a research project: supporting the pragmatic and social communication skills of deaf children and young people

This email or letter has been sent on to you by the Head of Service or Teacher of the Deaf who works with your child because your child has a hearing loss or identifies themselves as 'deaf'.

The purpose of the research is to produce a new resource for teachers and parents of deaf young people which will focus on developing deaf children's pragmatic and social communication skills.

The project is being conducted by the University of Manchester and it is funded by the National Deaf Children's Society. The project has been reviewed and approved by the University of Manchester Research Ethics Committee. Approval number: 2020-8885-15734

If you are interested in taking part in the study there are two ways to take part. If you would like to, you can be involved in one or both ways as follows:

- **Completion of a survey.** The Participant Information Sheet for the survey is attached. You can complete the survey after reading the information sheet

The link to the survey for parents of deaf children is here:

<https://apps.mhs.manchester.ac.uk/surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=n2K06ol3K&Preview=true>

- **Take part in an online focus group.** To confirm your interest in taking part in a focus group please contact Dr Helen Chilton by email at helen.chilton@manchester.ac.uk. Helen will provide you with the Participant Information Sheet, consent form, proposed dates and timescales.

If you want to talk about this letter, or want more information before you reply to us, you can email Dr Helen Chilton to discuss over email or arrange a time to talk.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Helen Chilton

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