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The Impact of outdoor fieldwork with young students along the Marriott's Way Heritage Trail.

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION STATEMENT

(1) What is this study about?

Your child has been invited to take part in a research study about what young pupils think about learning outdoors and the impact of the field trip after visiting the Marriott's Way. We aim to gather opinion from a large number of Key Stage 1 – 4 pupils to better understand the impact teaching outdoors has on students.

We wish to explore the students' enjoyment of learning outdoors, as well as their aspirations concerning nature and attitudes to the outdoors. We also wish to explore your thoughts and perceptions, as teaching staff, of the students' enjoyment, attitudes and aspirations following your visit the Marriott's Way. The Marriott's Way Heritage Trail Project is a project to better research, conserve, interpret, and educate people about the railway heritage of the route, and the plants and wildlife that colonised it once the trains had stopped running. We then wish to explore the students' opinions, understanding of the Marriott's Way and the outdoors following a field trip there.

This Participant Information Statement tells you about the research study. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want your child to take part in the study. Please read this sheet carefully and ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.

Participation in this research study is voluntary. By giving consent to take part in this study you are telling us that you:

- ✓ Understand what you have read.
- ✓ Agree to take part in the research study as outlined below.
- ✓ Agree to the use of your personal information as described.

(2) Who is running the study?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers:

Joseph Zilch, Biological Sciences; Kay Yeoman, Professor, at the University of East Anglia (Supervisor) and Madeleine Goodall, Marriott's Way Heritage Trail Education officer, Norfolk County Council.

(3) What will the study involve?

Your child will be asked to take part in all fieldwork activity during their field trip visit to the Marriott's Way. This will involve activities such as pond dipping, team games, searching for woodland insects, shelter building, making

environmental art, identifying and learning about trees of the woods. Following these activities, your child will be asked to complete a short two-page questionnaire asking about their enjoyment of the day, their attitudes towards, and aspirations relating to, the outdoors.

(4) How much time will the study take?

We anticipate that the whole field trip to the Marriott's Way will take up to four hours and the questionnaire at the end of the day will take no more than 10 minutes.

(5) Does my child have to be in the study? Can they withdraw from the study once they've started?

Being in this study is completely voluntary and your child does not have to take part. Your decision whether to allow them to participate will not affect your/their current or future relationship with the researchers or anyone else at the University of East Anglia, Norfolk County Council or with their school.

If you give consent for your child to take part in the study, your child's responses and data will be anonymised and as such you won't be able to withdraw from the study at a future date.

(6) Are there any risks or costs associated with being in the study?

Aside from giving up your child's time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this study.

(7) Are there any benefits associated with being in the study?

The study will provide your child with an opportunity to explore the Marriott's Way Heritage Trail and gain a better understanding of the outdoors whilst exploring key scientific methods, learning to identify organisms in their surroundings, as well as developing key social and interpersonal skills. This study will also develop your child's confidence in the outdoors and ground their understanding of the biodiversity monitoring opportunities available in their local area.

(8) What will happen to information about me that is collected during the study?

Your child's responses in the questionnaires will be fed into the study. All participants will be anonymous. Personal information about your child, such as age and gender, will also be entered into the findings. We will ask some very general information about your child's school which will be fed into the reporting of the finding, but nothing that will identify your child's school or participants. Questionnaire responses and interviews with visiting teaching staff will be used when writing the report and if there is a research paper from the study. Questionnaire responses and notes will be handled by Joseph Zilch. Other researchers, in particular Kay Yeoman, may have access to them, but no others will.

Information from the study will be put together into a dissertation report which will be submitted for marking. You will be sent a copy of this report. If appropriate, the material will also be written up as a research paper.

By providing your consent, you are agreeing to us collecting personal information about your child for the purposes of this research study. Your child's information will only be used for the purposes outlined in this Participant Information Statement, unless you consent otherwise. Data management will follow the 1998 Data Protection Act and the University of East Anglia Research Data Management Policy (2013).

Your child's information will be stored securely, and your child's identity/information will be kept strictly confidential, except as required by law. Study findings may be published, but your child will not be identified in

these publications if you decide to participate in this study. In this instance, data will be stored for a period of 10 years and then destroyed.

(9) What if I would like further information about the study?

When you have read this information, your child's teacher, the key member of staff on this project, will be available to discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to know more at any stage during the study, please feel free to contact Joe (j.zilch@uea.ac.uk).

(10) Will I be told the results of the study?

You have the right to receive feedback about the overall results of this study. This feedback will be in the form of a report which will be available following the reports submission in May. You will receive this feedback after the study is finished, we anticipate this being in May 2019.

(11) What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the study?

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved under the regulations of the University of East Anglia's School of Education and Lifelong Learning Research Ethics Committee.

If there is a problem please let me know. You can contact me via the University at the following address:

Joseph Zilch
School of Biological Sciences
University of East Anglia
Norwich NR4 7TJ
J.zilch@uea.ac.uk

If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact please contact the Head of the School of Biological Sciences, Professor Tamas Dalmay, at t.dalmay@uea.ac.uk.

(12) OK, I'm happy for my child to take part – what do I do next?

You need to fill in one copy of the consent form and return it to your child's teacher, who will send the forms to Joseph Zilch at the following address:

Joseph Zilch
School of Biological Sciences
University of East Anglia
Norwich Research Park
Norwich NR4 7TJ

Please keep the letter, information sheet and the 2nd copy of the consent form for your information.

This information sheet is for you to keep

PARENT/CARER CONSENT FORM (1st Copy to Researcher)

I, [PRINT PARENT’S/CARER’S NAME], consent to my child
.....[PRINT CHILD’S NAME] participating in this research study.

In giving my consent I state that:

- ✓ I understand the purpose of the study, what my child will be asked to do, and any risks/benefits involved.
- ✓ I have read the Information Statement and have been able to discuss my child’s involvement in the study with the researchers if I wished to do so.
- ✓ The researchers have answered any questions that I had about the study and I am happy with the answers.
- ✓ I understand that being in this study is completely voluntary and my child does not have to take part. My decision whether to let them take part in the study will not affect our relationship with the researchers or anyone else at the University of East Anglia or their school, now or in the future.
- ✓ I understand that due to the anonymity of the study, once I give consent for my child to take part in the study I won’t be able to withdraw them in the future.
- ✓ I understand that personal information about my child that is collected over the course of this project will be stored securely and will only be used for purposes that I have agreed to. I understand that information about my child will only be told to others with my permission, except as required by law.
- ✓ I understand that the results of this study may be published, and that publications will not contain my child’s name or any identifiable information about my child.

I consent to:

- **My child participating in the Marriott’s Way fieldwork course** YES NO
- **My child completing the review questionnaire activity** YES NO
- **Would you like to receive feedback about the overall results of this study?**
YES NO

If you answered **YES**, please indicate your preferred form of feedback and address:

Postal: _____

Email: _____

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Signature

.....
PRINT name

.....
Date

PARENT/CARER CONSENT FORM (2nd Copy to Participant)

I, [PRINT PARENT'S/CARER'S NAME], consent to my child
I,[PRINT CHILD'S NAME] participating in this research study.

In giving my consent I state that:

- ✓ I understand the purpose of the study, what my child will be asked to do, and any risks/benefits involved.
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