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## RE: The Five to Twelve Study

Dear <SchHeadSal>,

We are writing to ask for your teachers' help with Five to Twelve, a major new national education study. Some of your Year 1 pupils and their families have been selected and have already taken part. It is vital for the study's aims – to understand children's educational outcomes and wellbeing – that we now include their teachers' views on each child's development, using the enclosed questionnaires.

Five to Twelve is being carried out on behalf of the Department for Education (DfE) by the National Centre for Social Research. Find out more at [www.natcen.ac.uk/participant-contents/five-twelve](http://www.natcen.ac.uk/participant-contents/five-twelve).

### **Please pass these questionnaires to the appropriate Year 1 teacher(s)**

We have already visited pupils' homes to talk to their parents about family life and have spoken to the children themselves. Parents/carers gave permission to contact your teachers. Questionnaires are enclosed about the following Year 1 children: <ChildNames>.

We hope that the teacher of each pupil will complete their survey. This should take around 10 minutes each. Each questionnaire has the name of the participating child on the front sheet. Teachers should remove this on completion for confidentiality reasons and return the questionnaires in the pre-paid envelopes provided.

We are very grateful for yours and your teachers' support. If you have any questions, please contact the research team at [FiveToTwelve@natcen.ac.uk](mailto:FiveToTwelve@natcen.ac.uk) or on **0800 652 4568**. You can also contact DfE at [Team.LONGITUDINAL@education.gov.uk](mailto:Team.LONGITUDINAL@education.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

**Anna Scholes**  
Department for Education

**Martin Wood**  
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# Frequently Asked Questions

## Who is carrying out the research?

This study is being carried out by the National Centre for Social Research, the largest independent social research organisation in Britain, in collaboration with the National Children's Bureau (NCB) and the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER). The study is funded by the Department for Education.

## Who can fill out the questionnaire?

We would like the teacher/s of the year 1 child/ren named in the cover letter to complete the questionnaire/s.

## How did you gain consent from parents?

During the study, we carried out face-to-face interviews with one parent or carer of each child. We asked the parent/carer if they would be willing to provide contact details of their child's teacher, and if they would give us permission to contact their teacher to ask some additional questions about their child.

## How will the information be used?

The results will help the government make decisions about education policy and services in the UK. Anything teachers tell us is confidential. Any information collected about children who are at your school will be stored securely without names or addresses attached. The results of the study are for statistical purposes only: your school and the children at your school will never be identified in any reports, publications or published datasets.

## Confidentiality

Teachers' personal details and questionnaire responses will remain strictly confidential and will be handled in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This information will only be available to the research team working on the study.

## Where can I find out more?

You can visit our website at [www.natcen.ac.uk/taking-part/studies-in-field/fivetotwelve](http://www.natcen.ac.uk/taking-part/studies-in-field/fivetotwelve). You can contact us at [FiveToTwelve@natcen.ac.uk](mailto:FiveToTwelve@natcen.ac.uk) or call us on freephone **0800 652 4568**.