



Department  
for Education



**Year 1 Teacher Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please write this in so these questionnaires go to the right person)



## RE: Five to Twelve Study

Dear Year 1 Teacher,

We are writing to ask for your help with an exciting new national education research project called Five to Twelve. You have been selected because at least one of the pupils you teach is taking part, and it is vital for the study's aims that we include teachers' views on each child's development.

The study is being carried out on behalf of the Department for Education (DfE) by the National Centre for Social Research. This study will support children and families by helping DfE understand more about children's early education and wellbeing. You can find out more at [www.natcen.ac.uk/taking-part/studies-in-field/fivetotwelve](http://www.natcen.ac.uk/taking-part/studies-in-field/fivetotwelve).

This study is following around 8,500 children attending primary school in the 2020s and their families. We have asked parents about family life and their child's development. We have also spoken to the children themselves. **Now we need your help to complete the picture**, and get the best possible information on children's lives both in and out of school.

### Family consent

When we last spoke to the family of the child/children in question, they gave us permission to contact you about the study.

**Please complete the enclosed questionnaire/s** about children you teach who have been selected for the study. This should take no more than around 10 minutes each.

### Return completed questionnaires in the pre-paid envelopes

Please use the pre-paid envelope provided to return the completed questionnaire/s to us as soon as possible. Please remember to rip off the top sheet which contains the child's name. This is for confidentiality and data protection purposes when it is posted back.

### Thank you!

If you have any questions, contact the National Centre for Social Research at [FiveToTwelve@natcen.ac.uk](mailto:FiveToTwelve@natcen.ac.uk) or on **0800 652 4568**. If you would like any further information from DfE please contact [Team.LONGITUDINAL@education.gov.uk](mailto:Team.LONGITUDINAL@education.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully,

**Anna Scholes**  
Department for Education

**Martin Wood**  
National Centre for Social Research

# 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 of the children named in the enclosed questionnaire/s to fill out 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/carers 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**.