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## You are invited to take part in the Five to Twelve study

Dear Mother/Father/Carer of <CM\_Firstname> <CM\_Surname>,

We would like you and your family to take part in **Five to Twelve** - an important new study commissioned by the Department for Education (DfE).

### You can help to make a difference

Your family has been selected to take part because <CM\_Firstname> is just at the start of their education. By taking part, you will be joining 8,500 other families in helping researchers and policymakers to understand children's lives in the 2020s as they go through primary school. It's very important that we hear about <CM\_Firstname>'s experiences to make sure your family and those like yours are represented. This will help to support children and families like yours by improving services in the future.

As a thank you to your family for taking part, **we've included a £10 Love2Shop gift card.**

### What happens next?

A friendly and professional interviewer from the National Centre for Social Research is visiting families in your area and will call at your address in the next few weeks. They will explain more about the study, answer any questions you have and arrange a convenient time for you to take part. Your interviewer will show you a photo ID card, so you know who they are. You and <CM\_Firstname> won't have to answer any questions you don't want to.

Thank you for your help with this important study. If you have any questions or do not want to take part, you can let your interviewer know when they call, or you can contact us by emailing [FiveToTwelve@natcen.ac.uk](mailto:FiveToTwelve@natcen.ac.uk) or calling Freephone **0800 652 4568**.

Yours sincerely,

**Anna Scholes**  
Department for Education

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### How was I chosen for this study?

You have been selected at random from the Department for Education's National Pupil Database. Taking part is completely voluntary. If you do take part, you can change your mind and withdraw from the study at any time and you do not have to provide a reason.

### What does taking part involve?

We will ask one parent to take part in an interview that will take around 45 minutes. We would also like to ask your child to do some activities that help us measure how they think. These activities will take about 15 minutes. Where applicable, we will invite other parents to take part in a short online survey.

We would like to speak to you first when your child is around 5 or 6 years old. We would also like to speak to you again as they get older.

### What will happen to the information I give?

All information provided by you will be strictly confidential, stored securely and protected by UK data protection legislation. The answers you give will help researchers and policy makers understand children's development and family life. The information will be used to make decisions about education and family support. The study findings will be anonymised and nothing we publish will identify you or your family. You can read the study's Privacy Notice here [www.natcen.ac.uk/taking-part/studies-in-field/fivetotwelve/privacy-notice](http://www.natcen.ac.uk/taking-part/studies-in-field/fivetotwelve/privacy-notice).

### Who is carrying out the study?

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.

### Where can I find out more?

For more information, please see the enclosed leaflet or visit [www.natcen.ac.uk/taking-part/studies-in-field/fivetotwelve](http://www.natcen.ac.uk/taking-part/studies-in-field/fivetotwelve). If you would like to talk to someone about the study or if you do not wish to take part, please contact us at [FiveToTwelve@natcen.ac.uk](mailto:FiveToTwelve@natcen.ac.uk) or call us on **0800 652 4568**. When contacting us please include your reference number on the top of this letter.