

**DEAKIN UNIVERSITY
PLAIN LANGUAGE STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM**



TO: Parents/Guardians

PLAIN LANGUAGE STATEMENT

Date: August 2018

Full Project Title:

AllPlay Learn

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Study Information

1. Your Consent

You are invited to take part in this research project. This statement contains detailed information about the research project. Its purpose is to explain to you as openly and clearly as possible all the procedures involved in this project so that you can make a fully informed decision about whether or not you are going to participate.

If you agree to take part in this study after reading this information, we do not need you to fill in a written consent form. Your consent to participate is given by completion of the survey. A copy of this statement has been attached at the bottom of this page.

2. Purpose and Background

This survey aims to understand the experiences of parents/guardians and their children with disability in the education setting. If your child is either 1) currently attending childcare, kindergarten, long day care, primary or secondary school, or 2) have attended any of these in the past, you are invited to participate in the study. This could be any mainstream or special education school. This includes children with any condition that affects cognitive, developmental (e.g. autism spectrum disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, intellectual disability, learning disorders, communication/language disorders), sensory (hearing or vision), or mobility functions (cerebral palsy), and children who need extra planning for medical reasons.

3. Funding

This survey is conducted by Deakin University. It is funded by the Department of Education and Training

4. Procedure

Participation will involve answering a survey exploring you and your child's experiences in the education setting, which will take around 15 minutes to complete.

The survey will work on any smart phone or computer with access to the internet.

5. Possible Benefits

This project may not provide immediate or direct benefit to you or your family but may provide a better understanding of the experiences of parents/guardians and their child with disability in the education setting. This project is important because the data collected will support the

development of the AllPlay Learn web-based resources for parents/guardians, teachers/educators and children to make education settings more inclusive for children with disability.

6. Possible Risks

If any of the questions make you feel uncomfortable or you become distressed and you wish to speak to someone about this, please call Dr Tamara May on 03 9244 5084 or email: allplaylearn@deakin.edu.au

7. Privacy, Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information

No identifying information from results collected from the surveys will be used in publications and conference presentations with only group level or de-identified responses included. If you choose not to provide these information, responses belonging to you will remain completely anonymous and cannot be identified. Any information we collect from you that can identify you will remain confidential and will be electronically stored on password protected computers within the School of Psychology at Deakin University for a minimum of 5 years. If you agree to participate in future research related to this study your data may be stored for a longer period of time in accordance with the ethics attached to the future research study.

Only the research team will have access to this information.

8. Results of Project

On request, a summary of the study findings can be emailed to you at the completion of the study. Please email: allplaylearn@deakin.edu.au to request this and provide your email address.

9. Participation is voluntary

Participation in any research project is voluntary. **If you do not wish to take part, you do not have to.** Participation in this study is independent of and separate from any involvement with Deakin University, NDIS or any clinical care received. If you decide to take part and later change your mind, you are free to withdraw from the project at any stage. If you provide identifiable information, all responses obtained from you to date will not be used and will be destroyed. However, if you choose to remain anonymous, the researchers will not be able to determine which survey answers belong to you so any information collected cannot be withdrawn from the study results. Your decision whether to take part or not to take part, or to take part and then withdraw, will not affect your relationship with Deakin University, NDIS or the researchers. Begin the survey only after you have had a chance to ask your questions and have received satisfactory answers via the contacts provided at the end of this statement.

If you decide to withdraw your responses from this survey, please notify a member of the research team.

10. Ethical Guidelines

The study will be carried out in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007). This statement has been developed to protect the interests of people who agree to participate in human research studies.

The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of Deakin University. The research will be carried out in the School of Psychology, Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood, Victoria 3125.

11. Complaints

If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted or any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact:

The Manager, Office of Research Integrity Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood Victoria 3125, Telephone: 03 9251 7129; Email: research-ethics@deakin.edu.au. Please quote project number [2018-173].

12. Further Information:

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