

Research Study investigating what support may be needed in mainstream schools.

Dear parent/carers

Your child's school is one of around 200 schools who have been asked to take part in a research study carried out by the EA's Educational Psychology Service (EPS). The study is called, "Mainstream schools' perceptions of unmet need".

The study aims to quantify the extent and nature of special educational needs which are experienced by pupils in mainstream schools. It will help us to improve the support which is provided to schools by the EPS and other EA services.

Methodology of study

The school SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) or Principal will complete 3 online questionnaires on behalf of the school during March 2022, which will capture general school information. They will also capture anonymised data about the types of SEN experienced by pupils and the type of support that is needed by pupils with SEN. These questionnaires will be completed by the school online. All information entered by the school will be stored on a private Microsoft Form linked to a private Microsoft Teams channel. It will be password protected, with only the research team having access to it.

Data protection/GDPR

All pupil information will be anonymous. Therefore the Research Team will not be able to identify any pupils from the information provided by the school. The information will be used for research purposes only and will not be passed on to any other services. The overall findings from this study will be used to plan and develop future service delivery and provision for the EPS and other EA services. Data will be held as long as is needed for publication. It will then be deleted.

Please note, this information leaflet has been shared with the parents/carers of all pupils in the school.

If you want to ensure that anonymised information relating to your child is **not** shared with the research team, you can opt-out by completing the form below and returning it to the school SENCO/Principal by **Monday 21 March**.

After this date, you cannot opt-out because it will not be possible to identify who the information relates to because it will be anonymous.

If you have any further questions about this study, you can contact the research team by email EPSResearch@eani.org.uk

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lorna Martin'.

Lorna Martin
Project Lead for EPS Model Review

I **do not** want any anonymised information relating to my child to be shared with the research team.

Name of child/children: _____

Name of parent/carer: _____

Signature of parent/carer: _____

Please return this form to the Principal/SENCo, if you wish to opt-out of the study.