



SMART Schools study: Smartphones, social Media and Adolescent mental wellbeing: the impact of school policies Restricting dayTime use
STAFF FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANT CONSENT FORM

If you agree to take part in this study, please read the following statements, and write your initials in the boxes on the right-hand side:

Statement:	Initials:
I confirm that I have read and understood the Case Study School Staff Participant Information Letter dated 14/03/2023 (version 6) and have had an opportunity to ask questions	
I understand that I am being asked to participate in a focus group discussion, lasting up to 60 minutes	
I understand that my participation is voluntary, and if at any time during the focus group I do not wish to contribute, I do not have to, and I can stop participating at any time	
I understand that after I have participated, I am free to withdraw from the study at any time. I understand that I can do this without giving any reason, and without my rights being affected. I understand that if I withdraw following participation in a focus group, my data cannot be deleted	
I understand that the focus group will be audio recorded. If held via Zoom, I understand it will also be video recorded, but that only the audio recording will be downloaded and used for transcription, with the video recording being deleted. I understand that anonymised quotes may be used as part of study dissemination.	
I understand that my answers will be kept confidential and only members of the research team will have access to my personal information. I understand that electronic audio-files and associated transcripts will be transferred securely between an external transcription service and the University of Birmingham with a confidentiality agreement in place. I agree to the transfer and storage of this data.	
I agree to take part in the SMART Schools Study	

Name _____

Job Title _____

School _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Please return this form within 1 week of receiving the information letter to your school liaison member of staff or by email smartstudy@contacts.bham.ac.uk or by post to:

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For further information, please visit our website birmingham.ac.uk/smart-schools or if you would like to speak to someone about the study, please call us on 0121 414 3158

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Thank you for considering taking part in the SMART Schools Study