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**Classroom Talk Project, University of Cambridge**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

With permission from the Head Teacher, your child’s class has been invited to participate in a research project within the Faculty of Education at the University of Cambridge. The aim of this project is to learn a bit more about how the way in which teachers talk to the children during lessons influences the children’s learning and attitudes to school.

The research will be conducted in your school between September 2015 and July 2016 and will involve two researchers coming to your child’s classroom and conducting video recordings of the class teacher. The focus of the recording is not the children. However, your child may incidentally appear in some of the video recordings.

We will also ask your child to complete a short questionnaire about their attitude to school and a maths or reading assessment. All of the results of these tests will be kept confidential within the project team and will be anonymised.

At all stages the children’s right to anonymity and right to withdraw will be respected. If you do not wish your child to participate in any tests or appear in any video recording made during this study please complete the section below and return it to the class teacher by 29th September 2015.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact the project’s Research Associates, Dr Ayesha Ahmed (aa483@cam.ac.uk) or Dr Maria Vrikki (mv387@cam.ac.uk) or on 01223 767524 during school hours.

Yours sincerely,

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Research Associates

I do not wish my child to incidentally appear in any video recording  
or participate in any class tests concerning the Classroom Talk project

Parent/guardian’s name in capital letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Child’s name in capital letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_