

22nd September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a school, we are very excited to be taking part in the Thinking Doing Talking Science (TDTS) study, which is a trial funded by the Education Endowment Fund and the Wellcome Trust. TDTS trains teachers to develop creative and challenging science lessons by using strategies to engage children in science and help them develop their reasoning skills.

Our Year 5 cohort has been selected to take part in the study. As this is educational research, there are strict ethical and data protection guidelines. As part of the study, the children will take an assessment at the end of Year 5 and again towards the end of Year 6. Invigilators will be present during assessments, but all teachers will remain in the class. Also, they will complete a short survey about their science lessons and their attitudes towards science with their teacher.

We will provide the study with some of your child's details but these will only be used for the trial and strict ethical guidelines will be followed. Your child's data will be treated with the strictest confidence, please see the attached letter for more information regarding this.

If you are happy for your child to take part in the research you do not need to do anything.

If you do not want your child to take part in the science assessments, survey or share their data with the evaluation team then please complete the withdrawal form attached and return by Wednesday 28th September.

The information sheet enclosed is there for additional information. However, if you have any further questions, then please let the class teacher know and Mrs Jagger will speak to you directly.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Mrs Jagger
Y3 Teacher and Science Lead