Children Challenging Industry

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to tell you about an exciting science programme in which the [**Year 5/6**] children will be involved.

As part of their regular science curriculum, the school is participating in an industry-focused science programme run by the University of York’s Centre for Industry Education Collaboration (CIEC), which seeks to teach primary school children about science within a real problem-solving context. CIEC researchers will be studying the effect of this project on children’s attitudes to science and industry by asking children to complete a short questionnaire both before and after their participation in the programme. More details about the research can be found in the attached document.

During the school and/or industry sessions, photographs or video might be taken of the children during discussions, group work, etc. Some of these images may be given to the University of York to be used in promotional material or the media, or to the company where images were taken during a visit for similar purposes. The children’s names will not appear in any publications.

If you are happy for your child(ren) to take part in the programme and research as introduced here, **you do not need to do anything**. If you would like to withdraw your child(ren) from the research or do not give consent for your child(ren)’s photograph/video to be taken, we would be grateful if you could complete the form attached and return it to the school by [**date**].

We appreciate that the thought of a visitor to your child(ren)’s classroom might be a little worrying at the moment so we would like to reassure you that all sessions will be virtual, with pre-recorded video clips and live interactions via Zoom or Skype. We will be implementing our own COVID-secure risk assessment (developed in accordance to current CLEAPSS guidance, <http://primary.cleapss.org.uk/>) and following the school’s COVID secure policies and practices in relation to any equipment which children may handle.

Should you have any queries about this project, or do not wish your child to be included in any images, please do not hesitate to contact the school. You can also contact the CIEC researchers directly by email or telephone.

Yours sincerely,

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