

Project Information sheet for Parents/Guardians
PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

Study title: The potential benefits of drumming for children

What is the study about?

The purpose of the study is to provide evidence of the potential psychological, social and physical benefits of drumming for children across a range of abilities.

Why has your child been invited to take part?

Your child has been selected by age and the teachers' judgements of their social and physical capabilities; this has been determined from school records and teacher observations. We are hoping to explore and understand what potential benefits drumming can offer to a child's social and physical development. For this reason, we have asked the teachers to select children with a range of abilities.

Does your child have to take part?

No. Participation in this project is voluntary and it is up to you and your child to decide whether you take part. You are both free to withdraw from the research at any time and without giving a reason. This will not influence your child's education.

What will your child be expected to do?

All children will be assessed for drumming ability at the beginning and at the end of the project, whether receiving tuition or not. For those children receiving tuition, there will be one 30-minute drumming session (during the school day) a week for a period of ten weeks. These sessions will be conducted by an experienced drum tutor and will take place at the School. During one session we will monitor their heart rate (using a heart rate monitor and film recording of drumming technique).

What will you be expected to do?

We would ask you to complete a short survey about handedness and musical experience. This will be completed the week before the first drumming session and will be repeated after the drumming course on two occasions. This should take approximately 5 minutes to do.

What has your child been told about the study?

Your child has been given a verbal description of the study and what it involves.

Who can you contact if you have any questions about the project?

Prof Steve Draper - Tel: 01452 702187; Email: stephen.draper@hartpury.ac.uk

Mrs Ania Hildrey – Tel: 0151 428 1161; Email: headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Will your child's participation in the research project be kept confidential?

Yes. The information collected in connection with this project will remain confidential for the duration of the study and after its completion. All records will be stored at Hartpury University with signed consent forms stored separately. The publication of the results will not result in your child being identified with particular responses. Film recordings of your child will be taken and with your permission, may be used for demonstration and presentation purposes.

What happens next?

- If you are happy for your child to be involved in the project we would ask you to countersign the consent form and return it to the school
- If after reading this information you do not wish your child to take part, you do not have to do anything

Thank you for your time