

Learning during COVID-19: Stakeholder Perspectives



Information Sheet for Stakeholders – Online Survey

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Thank you for your interest in participating in this research project. Please read the following information about the project, so that you can decide whether you would like to take part in this research.

For any questions, please contact Lisa McDaid on l.mcdaid@uq.edu.au

What is this research about?

The *Learning during COVID-19* study aims to understand how children and young people who were already struggling with learning and school, experienced learning during COVID-19. The key purpose is to be able to provide important information to help schools and service providers support children and families during times like this. With the information we collect we seek to understand perspectives on who is in need, what their strengths are, and what responses can best serve these needs and build on the strengths of at-risk children and young people.

We are consulting public sector employees, service providers who work in and outside of schools, and other experts in academia, government and the not for profit sector. You have been invited to take part because you have expertise in this area.

The study is funded by Paul Ramsay Foundation.

What will I need to do?

You are invited to complete an anonymous online survey. It should take about 15-20 minutes to complete. All data will be confidential, and no personal information will be collected. Taking part is voluntary. If you do not wish to take part, you do not have to. Your decision whether you take part, or not to take part, or to take part and then withdraw, will not affect your relationship with the University of Queensland.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

This project will not directly benefit you, other than knowing that you are contributing to the field of education research. The direct and indirect benefits of this research are of fundamental importance to society, as they seek to address and understand the evolving impact of COVID-19 on the educational outcomes of children and young people.

What are the possible risks and disadvantages of taking part?

There is limited risk associated with participating. The data collected relates to your recent professional experiences with children and young people during COVID-19 as well as your broader expertise informed by the work that you do.



What will happen to the information about me?

All information collected about you will remain confidential.

All electronic records will be stored on a password-protected computer and a password-protected drive within the UQ Research Data Manager (UQRDM) system. **Only the research team with training in ethical issues regarding issues of confidentiality will have access to the collected data.**

All comments and responses will be treated confidentially unless required by law, or regulatory or monitoring bodies, such as the ethics committee. The names of individual persons are not required in any of the responses. All identifying information will be removed from the free text responses.

Data will be stored for a minimum of 5 years and can be disclosed if it is to protect you or others from harm, if specifically required by law, or if a regulatory or monitoring body such as the ethics committee requests it. Records including recordings will be retained in accordance with the obligations under the Public Records Act 2002 and associated State policies, retention and disposal schedules and other official advice issued by the Queensland State Archives' State Archivist <https://www.qld.gov.au/dsiti/qsai>

It is anticipated that the results of this research project will be published and/or presented in a variety of forms. In any publication and/or presentation, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified.

What will happen if I decide to withdraw?

You are free to withdraw from the research anytime without needing to provide any explanation, and you will not be disadvantaged in any way if you withdraw. As the survey is anonymous it is not possible to remove the data once you've completed the survey.

Can I hear about the results of this research?

We will not retain your contact details and therefore you will not be directly contacted regarding the results of this study. Results of this study will be publically available via a UQ webpage. As this project is part of a larger study, the results of this project will be reported alongside other data relevant to the educational outcomes of young people.

Who can I contact if I have any concerns about the project?

This study adheres to the Guidelines of the ethical review process of The University of Queensland and the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research. The research Ethics ID number: 2020001570. If you would like to speak to an officer of the University not involved in the study, you may contact the Ethics Coordinator on 07 3365 3924/ 07 3443 1656 or email humanethics@research.uq.edu.au

If you would like to keep this Participant Information Sheet, please take this opportunity to print this page. Alternatively, if you decide at a later date that you would like a copy please contact Lisa McDaid via email: l.mcdaid@uq.edu.au or by phone: 07 336 56070.

Thank you for helping with this important research.

Please click the link below to view and complete the Consent Form before beginning the survey.

https://uniofqueensland.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aVPtfMN6YrrVnW5

