

Dear Parents and Carers,

About us

Children North East is the longest established, independent children's charity in North East England. Our mission is that all North East children and young people grow up to be healthy and happy. You can find out more about us at: www.children-ne.org.uk

About our project

We need your help! Children North East is working with Newcastle University on a project to hear from young people about their experience of the coronavirus pandemic. This will be used to help shape how the North East responds to the pandemic and ensure children are at the centre of these plans.

We will share the findings with our partners, schools, local authorities and the general public through reports, blogs and press releases. You can also request a summary of the results from Children North East using the contact details provided.

How can my child take part?

We ask your permission for your child to answer some questions about how their pandemic has changed their everyday life, how they feel about the changes and their opinions on the future.

In the first part of the project your child will be asked to share their individual experiences in a drawing or writing activity. We will provide all of the resources your child will need to do this. In the next part of the project you child may be asked to be involved in a group discussion where they can share some of their recent experiences of the coronavirus pandemic. During a discussion a researcher will be taking notes and there may be an audio recording, however your child's name and details will be anonymised for data protection.

What do I need to do to take part?

- Read through the information in this letter.
- If you give consent for your child to take part you do not need to do anything- they will automatically be included in the project.

*However **if you do not wish your child to take part** you need to **OPT OUT** by signing the 'opt out' form below and returning it to your child's school.

Do I have to take part?

No- your child will only take part if they would like to and if you are happy to for them to take part (please see OPT OUT option above).

We would love to hear from your child but taking part is optional and you and your child can change their mind at any point.

What does my child need to do to take part?

- Read through the information below (you may need to help young children with this)

INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

**We need
your help!**



We want to hear about your experience of the coronavirus and its impact on your life. Your opinion matters!

We think it is important that children and young people have a chance to tell us about changes to your life and routine due to coronavirus. Your input will help shape how the area you live in responds to the pandemic and make sure children are at the centre of these plans.

We'd love to hear from you but you don't need to take part and we won't use any information that means we can identify you.

What do I need to do to take part?

- Read through the information on this page.
- If you want to take part please give your consent when we come to see you.

Data protection and privacy

Children North East processes all personal information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation 2016 which provide the legal basis for processing personal data.

We won't use your name, your child's name or any other information that would identify you.

Who should I contact for further information?

If you have any questions or require more information about the project, please contact:

Luke Bramhall by emailing luke.Bramhall@children-ne.org.uk or calling 07702 666961





PARENTAL OPT OUT FORM

Please sign below to withhold consent and opt out of your child taking part in the CNE Children and Young People's Voices Project.

Child's name.....

Youth group.....

Parent/ carer's name:

Parent/ carer's signature:
