**GLOBAL KIDS ONLINE STUDY**

**Information letter for parents**

# Invitation to take part in the Global Kids Online study

# Global Kids Online is a UNICEF-funded cross-national project researching how children are using the internet around the world. Our aim is to learn from children’s experiences to help policy-makers, educators and governments make the internet better for children everywhere.

# What will happen if you agree that your child can take part?

We intend to conduct school-based focus groups and individual interviews with children aged 9 to 17. We would like to ask the children about how they use the internet, and the sorts of things they have seen and done online, including things that they have liked and things that they have not liked or that have bothered them.

The interviews will take place between [insert dates]. The results will only be presented for the whole group of children, and **no information identifying schools or individual children will be reported or published**.

**Your child can withdraw from this study at any time**, without giving a reason for withdrawing and without it affecting your future relationship with the research team.

Add sentence about national/local process for research ethics approval.

# Returning the consent form

If you agree to your child taking part in this study, please complete, sign and return the **Consent form** to the research team, either directly or via your child.

# Getting in touch with research team members

If you have any questions about the project or the focus groups or individual interviews you can contact [name of researcher], [research centre]. Their contact details are: [telephone number] and [email].

For any additional information on the project, please consult the website at [www.globalkidsonline.net](http://www.globalkidsonline.net)

The project has been approved by the [add explanation about local/national research ethics approval].

***Thank you for your valued time and participation!***