**NIHR Young People’s BioResource: Invitation email or letter to parents of children being recruited from educational settings.**

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Message subject: **Invitation for your child(ren) to participate in an important new national research study.**

Dear parent/guardian,

[The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) BioResource](https://bioresource.nihr.ac.uk/) are looking for young people (aged 11 to 15 years old) who are willing to participate in an exciting new research study involving genetics. As part of this programme, we would like to invite your child(ren) to take part in this research. Taking part provides the opportunity to be involved in cutting-edge research that will help us understand the links between our genetics, health and disease, and may help us understand how to prevent illness as well.

***What is required from my child(ren)?***

We are looking for young people aged 11-15 years old to join a panel of thousands of people with and without health problems, who are actively helping researchers further their understanding of common and rare diseases.

Joining the panel is easy: we will invite your child(ren) to donate a small saliva sample along with completing two questionnaires about themselves. You and your child(ren) may later be sent information about various research studies where they meet the necessary entry criteria for which we would welcome your child(ren)’s participation. You will receive no more than eight invitations per year, which may be for online-only studies or face-to-face studies; there would be no more than four invitations per year for face-to-face studies. You and your child(ren) are free to decide whether or not to participate in these studies if and when you receive such invitations. You will also receive newsletters and sometimes invitations to local events.

Please see the attached FAQ’s for more information.

***How can my child get involved?***

If you would like further information on the study and your child(ren)’s participation, we will be holding virtual information sessions where you can meet members of the NIHR Young People’s BioResource research team and will be able to ask any additional questions that you might have. These sessions will include a 15-minute presentation by the research team and 30 minutes for you to ask questions. In the future, face-to-face information sessions may also become available.

Please register your interest here: [yp@bioresource.nihr.ac.uk](mailto:yp@bioresource.nihr.ac.uk) and we will send you the details of the next information session by email.

[Signature, name and contact details]