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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM – Parent/Carer version

Social evaluation study

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to invite your child to participate in our research project, which is being conducted by the Developmental Affective Science Lab, led by Dr Susanne Schweizer at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) School of Psychology.

This study has been approved by the UNSW Human Research Ethics Committee approval number: **HC200262**.

Participation is entirely **voluntary**. Before you decide whether your child may take part, we would like to tell you why the research is being done and what it will involve.

Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. A member of the research team can be contacted at DASLab@unsw.edu.au, if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. We will aim to get back to you within one working day.

1. What is the research study about and why is it important?

In everyday life people are often being rated by others. Being rated by others, previous research has shown has a bigger impact on adolescents compared to adults. It appears to impact their mood and maybe even their ability to learn new things. Importantly, young people who are especially sensitive to being rated by others may be more vulnerable to developing low mood.

This study is designed to explore the effects of being rated by others on young people's mental well-being and learning. The findings from the study will help us develop new ways to support individuals who are especially sensitive to being rated by others. The findings could also provide insight into ideal learning environments for young people.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being conducted by the Developmental Affective Science Lab, led by Dr Susanne Schweizer at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) School of Psychology. The researchers involved are PhD candidate Ms Karina Grunewald, Higher Degree Research Student Ms Jessica Deng and Research Intern Ms Kiarne Humphreys.

Research Funder: This research is being funded by a grant awarded to Dr Schweizer by the Jacobs Foundation.

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to allow your child to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for your child to take part. The research study is looking for individuals who meet the following criteria:

- Be aged between 11-30 years
- Have fluency in English
- No diagnosed learning disabilities (including but not limited to dyslexia, autism spectrum disorder, epilepsy, special education needs)
- No history of traumatic brain injury

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4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in this research study is voluntary. If you do not want your child to take part, you do not have to. If you agree for your child to take part and later change your mind, you are free to withdraw your child from the study at any stage.

If you decide you want your child to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Ask any questions you may have about the information provided here. Questions can be addressed to the research team at DASLab@unsw.edu.au.
- Indicate your consent by ticking the boxes at the end of this information.
- Provide an email address for us to send the study link to.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

The study involves your child completing a series of questionnaires and tasks online. They will need access to a computer or other device with internet connectivity and the capacity to make voice recordings.

Specifically, your child will be asked to complete different questionnaires about their demographics (e.g. age, gender), mental well-being, how they feel in social situations as well as some questions about how they have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. They will also complete a cognitive task to assess their mental ability. In this task they are asked to recall digits in reverse order. To make the task more difficult, the digits are presented over distracting background images that are either mildly negative (e.g., a snake) or neutral (e.g., a chair).

Your child will also be asked to make a one-minute audio recording where they describe themselves and their goals. Then they will rate another participant's audio recording. Your child will additionally be asked to complete a two-part learning task.

The entire study session will last approximately 60 minutes.

Additional Costs and Reimbursement: There are no costs associated with participating in this research project. Your child will receive a gift voucher for the total of AUS\$20 for taking part in this research study. Your child will have the option to choose from Coles (Australia only) or Amazon as supplier.

Risks: We don't expect this research to cause any harm or involve any risks to your child.

It is, however, possible that your child may find it uncomfortable to make a one-minute recording or to answer the questionnaires.

Your child may skip any written or verbal questions or activities if they wish, or they may stop the research at any time. If your child becomes upset or distressed as a result of participation in the research project, please contact the research team (at DASLab@unsw.edu.au or see below for contact details of the research team).

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6. What will happen to information about me and my child?

By signing the consent form, you consent to the research team collecting and using information about you and your child for the research study.

The research team will store any personally identifiable data collected from you or your child for this research project for a minimum of 10 years, or longer if it is needed to fulfil scientific journal publication requirements. After this time, it will be destroyed in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

The data will be stored securely on servers at the School of Psychology at University of New South Wales. The research team will take all reasonable steps to protect your child's privacy. Their data will be coded and will not be associated with their name or any other information that could reveal their identity.

Fully anonymised (that means your child cannot be identified from the data) data will be made accessible via open access to other researchers who may potentially utilise it in the future. This means that the data will be made available on a data repository where the data can be accessed by other researchers if they confirm that they will use the anonymous dataset in a way that is ethical.

The information you or your child provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

7. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to publish and report the results of the research in scientific journals and at scientific conferences. All Information will be published and reported in a way that will not identify you or your child.

8. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent for your child to participate, you or your child may withdraw at any time. You can do so by emailing the research team and tell them you no longer want to participate. Your decision not to participate or to withdraw from the study will not affect your relationship with UNSW Sydney. If you decide to leave the research study, the researchers will not collect additional information from you. You can request that any identifiable information about you be withdrawn from the research project.

9. What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

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Complaints Contact

Position	UNSW Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
HC Reference Number	HC200262

10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement or your child's involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Research Team Contact Details

Name	Karina Grunewald
Position	PhD Student
Email	k.grunewald_zola@unsw.edu.au
Working with Children Check:	WWC0798113E

Chief Investigator

Name	Dr Susanne Schweizer
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Working with Children Check:	3565183

Support Services Contact Details

If at any stage during the study, you become distressed or require additional support from someone not involved in the research please call:

Name/Organisation	Dr Angela Nickerson
Position	Professor
Email	a.nickerson@unsw.edu.au

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Parental Consent Form

I confirm that I understand that by clicking each box below I am consenting to this element of the study. I understand that it will be assumed that unticked boxes mean that I DO NOT consent to that part of the study.

I understand that by not giving consent for any one element that my child may be deemed ineligible for the study.

		Tick Box
1.	*I understand the Information Sheet I read about the above study. I had the time to think about the study and whether I would like my child to participate. I also had the opportunity to ask questions which have been answered to my satisfaction	
2.	*I agree for the researchers to process and analyse the data (any responses on tasks and questionnaires you complete) my child provides in this study.	
3.	Use of the information for this project *I understand that all my and my child's personal information will remain confidential and that the researchers will make sure my child cannot be identified in any publications (these are articles written and talks given by researchers) about the study.	
4.	*I understand that my child's information may be viewed by responsible individuals from the University of New South Wales who want to check that the researchers are doing their research properly .	
5.	I understand that fully anonymised (that means your child cannot be identified from the data) data will be made accessible via open access to other researchers who may potentially utilise it for other research in the future.	
6.	*I understand that my child's participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw my child at any time without giving a reason . I understand that if I decide to withdraw my child from the study, any data (information) my child has provided up to that point will be deleted unless I agree otherwise.	
7.	I understand the potential risks for my child of participating in this study (none are expected for this study). I also know that I can let the researchers know should my child get upset by any aspect of the study.	
8.	I understand the benefits of participating of the study for my child (none are expected for this study).	
9.	I understand that the data from this study will not be made available to any commercial organisations .	
10.	I understand that my child will only get paid the amount outlined in the information sheet and they won't receive any other financial (money) benefits from participating.	
11.	I understand that if I withdraw my child they will be paid for all aspects of the study they completed until that point.	
12.	I understand that the information my child will submit may be published and will be made available to me through the lab website.	

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13.	I confirm that I understand who can take part and who can't take part in this study. And I confirm that my child meets all the criteria for taking part	
14.	I am aware of whom I should contact if I or my child wish to complain about the study.	
15.	I voluntarily agree for my child to take part in this study. That means that no one has put any pressure on me or my child to take part in this study.	
16.	The data that my child and other people provide during this study will be kept safely and in line with the laws called General Data Protection Regulation for 10 years at the University of New South Wales	
17.	I agree that my child's fully anonymised [No one will be able to identify your child when this data is shared] research data may be used by others for future research.	

By clicking the box below,

I consent for my child to take part in this study.

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Form for Withdrawal of Participation

I wish to **WITHDRAW** my consent for my child to participate in this research study described above and understand that such withdrawal **WILL NOT** affect mine or my child's relationship with The University of New South Wales.

- I am withdrawing my child's consent and I would like any identifiable information collected about me or my child which I have provided for the purpose of this research study withdrawn.
- I am withdrawing my consent and I understand that any information already published and/or not linked to my identity cannot be withdrawn from the research.

Participant Name

Name of Participant (please type)	
Date	

**The section for Withdrawal of Participation should be forwarded to:
Chief Investigator**

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Working with Children Check:	3565183