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Dear Parents

Some of you may be aware that we have a research partnership with the Institute of Education Faculty of Education at the University College London UCL.

We are often approached by researchers if they are looking to include parents in any of their work to improve outcomes for young people with SEND.

We were very interested in the research around the topic of Relationships and Sex Education in other special schools, so wanted to offer Oak Lodge parents and staff the opportunity to participate in this study, if they consent.

The research is being carried out by Laura Paulauskaite from The Institute of Education at University College London.

This study aims to identify important learning objectives for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) that have been agreed by students with learning disability, their parents, their teachers and other experts in the field.

The researcher, Laura, would like to invite you to attend one online workshop carried out via Zoom to share your perspective on what this education should achieve for students with learning disability.

At the end of the study Laura will publish a short list of the core lesson objectives or outcomes that have been agreed and this can be used to help us evaluate our teaching practice or plan future RSE for students with learning disability.

What does this study involve?

- A workshop that is being delivered virtually to a group of parents, teachers and other experts who will come together to discuss what they think are outcomes of RSE for these students.
- This will be delivered via Zoom and will take about 1 hour 30 minutes.
- This is currently scheduled for **19th May at 12 noon - 13.30pm**

*Please click on this link to indicate if you might be able to take part in the study and indicate your availability: https://uclioe.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0PqPQxVK9ADGT1I

***Note this link takes you to a form where you can register interest in joining the group**

More information

We are aware that Relationship and Sex Education might be perceived as sensitive or uncomfortable. In the workshop, there will be no personal questions, you can refuse to answer any questions that makes you uncomfortable and you can stop your participation at any time without having to give a reason. Laura will be vigilant to any signs of distress or anxiety and will take appropriate action.

Laura's study has full ethical approval from the UCL IOE Research Ethics Committee.

Thank you for reading this email and for considering this project. If you have any questions or concerns, you can email the researcher, Laura Paulauskaite, on laura.paulauskaite.16@ucl.ac.uk

Kind Regards



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