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Dear Families,

With good mental health becoming increasingly important for our young people, Newhouse Academy is excited to take part in a study, by researchers at the Universities of Cambridge and Manchester, through a web application (app) called ARTEMIS-A, which is being funded by The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).

ARTEMIS-A will help secondary schools to quickly and effectively identify students who may be affected by poor mental health. ARTEMIS-A may also provide a clinical assessment to some children, which could lead to further support, if a child is identified as requiring immediate support and does not access support elsewhere at present.

The information collated will be used at school to ensure the best possible support is provided to your child. The data provided by students completing the questionnaire will be anonymous to the external researchers.

What would my child be asked to do if they took part?

Your child would be offered three research activities to take part in. It is entirely up to them and you to decide which ones they participate in...

1. We will ask your child to answer some questions, online, about their mental health. This will happen during a school day.
2. We will ask your child to complete a 10-minute mental health quiz, online (ARTEMIS-A).
3. Your child may also be invited to take part in a focus group, together with 5-9 other students from either our school or different schools. The research team may ask their opinions about ARTEMIS-A, for example whether they think it is a good idea to use it in schools and whether they feel any changes are needed.

Focus groups will most likely take place after school, face-to-face, or online. If your child prefers not to take part in a focus group, but you still would like to speak to us, a researcher will arrange a one-to-one interview.

If your child does participate in a focus group, please be assured that the universities of Manchester or Cambridge have undertaken enhanced DBS checks of their researchers. In addition, to thank your child for their time in the focus group, researchers will forward a high-street shopping voucher worth £30.00 for you to spend with them.

Your child would not need to take part in all of the three research activities and can choose which they would like to be involved in. If your child wishes to stop taking part at any time, they can do so without giving a reason. All you need to do is inform the SEMH Team at school: SEMHL@newhouseacademy.co.uk, telephone **01706 369436** or the researcher: Dr Janine Owens; janine.owens@manchester.ac.uk, telephone **0161 306 7694**.

If you feel that your child would benefit from the ARTEMIS-A app, please contact the SEMH team at school.

How can my child take part?

Please read the information relevant to your child's year group by clicking the appropriate link –

Year 7 <https://newhouseacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Y7-pupil-information-sheet.pdf>

Year 8, 9 and 10 <https://newhouseacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Y8-Y9-Y10-Pupil-information-sheet.pdf> and also read <https://newhouseacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Parent-Guardian-Information-Sheet-v.4-14.02.22-2.pdf>

If you wish for your child to take part, please complete the consent form - <https://forms.gle/uJVKAWYfEwgvLbo56> by Monday 25th April 2022

Kind regards

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