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This is a template assent form which includes the types of statements that should be provided to children aged 13 years and over in order for them to provide assent in the ethical sense and to satisfy the common law duty of confidence. Please consider the possible differences in reading vs chronological age when drafting your own assent form and ensure that you produce a version which is suitable for the youngest participant within the group. For younger age ranges (e.g. 12 and under) you should consider whether another template is appropriate.

We have provided guidance notes in **red** for you to consider, please ensure you replace these with your own text/pictures or delete statements if not appropriate to your project. In all example text provided below you **must change the wording in red** to reflect the details of your specific project. **You should also delete this guidance section.**

Please ensure you also **adjust the footer to the correct version number and date for your project**.

**Below are examples of consent statements that you may use if relevant. Please ensure you delete any points which are not relevant to your study and renumber the statements as appropriate.**

**Title of Research**

**Tell us if you want to take part by circling all that you agree with:**

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|   | **Activities** | **Yes/No** |
| 1 | Do you understand what the study is about? | Yes/No |
| 2 | Have you asked all the questions you want to ask about the study? |  Yes/No |
| 3 | Did you understand the answers to your questions? | Yes/No |
| 4 | Do you understand you can stop the study at any time without giving a reason? | Yes/No |
| 5 | Are you happy for **pictures** of **your face** to be taken or **videos** made? | Yes/No |
| 6 | Are you happy for **pictures** of **your face** or **videos** of you to be used in books or reports that I write? | Yes/No |
| 7 | Are you happy that things you tell the researchers **[including your name/with your name removed]** will be used in the **books and reports** they write? | Yes/No |
| 8 | Are you happy that things you say in the study will be looked at by people at the University of Manchester or other people who help to make sure that you are kept safe? | Yes/No |
| 9 | Are you happy that **things you say in the study** **[including your name/with your name removed]/pictures of your face/videos of you** are shared with researchers **at other places**? | Yes/No |
| 10 | Are you happy for researchers or people at other Universities to ask you to help with other studies in the future? | Yes/No |
| 11 | Do you understand that the researchers may have to tell your **parents/guardians/teachers** things you said in the study if they are worried about you? | Yes/No |
| 12 | Are you happy to take part in the study? | Yes/No |

If you don’t want to take part, don’t sign your name!

If you do want to take part, you can write your name below

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Name of Child Signature Date

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Name of the person taking assent Signature Date

[Insert details of what will happen to the copies of consent form e.g. 1 copy for the participant, 1 copy for the research team (original)]