

## Young People at a Crossroads– what you need to know as a parent

Your child has been invited to take part in a research project called 'Young People at a Crossroads'. This is not a school activity and there is no obligation from the school for your child to take part. Participation is completely voluntary.

### About the research

Young People at a Crossroads is a research project at the University of Manchester, UK, and the University of Melbourne, Australia. The project is approved by Research Ethics Committees at The University of Manchester (reference 2021-11462-18689) and The University of Melbourne (reference 2021-21640-17977-3).

The project aims to find out how families are adapting to climate change, particularly families where one or more parents migrated from another country. We believe it is important to hear from people who may already have experience of adapting to problems like drought or extreme weather in another country, and who might have important knowledge to share with people in the UK or Australia. We also know that how today's young people learn about and respond to climate change in the present and the future is important.

### What is involved?

If your child decides to take part in the research, they will join a series of Zoom video calls with one researcher and other young people aged 14-18. The researcher has experience of working with young people and has the appropriate safeguarding checks.

- The video calls will take place at a convenient time outside of school hours.
- There will be a total of 7 calls between July and December 2021.
- Each call will last for 45-60 minutes.
- Your child will also spend time preparing and conducting an interview with you, their parent.

### Learn new research skills

During the project, your child will receive training on how to do a research interview with a parent. It is important that you decide now if you would be happy for your child to interview you. If you agree to be interviewed, the researcher will ask permission to record the interview. The audio recording would only be shared with other researchers on the project and would not be made public.

Your child will choose what questions to ask you; they will focus on your experiences of living with environmental challenges in different places. The opportunity to develop research and interview skills will be valuable experience for your child's future career and university study.

### Contribute to a project book

Each family will have the chance to contribute two pages to a project book, which will present stories of how families have adapted to climate change in Australia, the UK, and other places where participating families have lived. This book will be available on the project website and will be shared with all families and teachers involved in the project. Families can choose to contribute to the book in a way that does not identify you. Families will review the book before it is published.

### Further information

Taking part in this research project is completely voluntary. If you and your child decide to take part, the researchers will do all we can to make the project enjoyable, and we hope it will benefit your child's learning and preparation for university and future careers.

If your child is under 16, they will need your permission to take part in the project. Whatever your child's age, you will need to decide whether you are happy for them to interview you before they agree to join the project.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you have any questions; please contact the researcher who sent you this information sheet, who will be happy to arrange a call with you.

