**Participant Information Sheet**

**Study Title**: **Teacher goals and the distribution, content and self-perception of teacher language across contexts**

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**ERGO number: 70556**

You are being invited to take part in the above research study. To help you decide whether you would like to take part or not, it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please read the information below carefully and ask questions if anything is not clear or you would like more information before you decide to take part in this research. You may like to discuss it with others but it is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you are happy to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.

**What is the research about?**

I am working towards a Doctorate in Educational Psychology and am conducting research for a thesis. I have worked in education for many years as a class teacher (I hold qualified teacher status) and then a SENCo. This research continues my interest in classroom pedagogy and the difference a teacher can make. This particular research explores how teacher attitudes and intentions impact teacher use of language within the classroom and how this changes in different contexts such as a small group. I am hoping the research will be helpful in terms of coaching and mentoring teachers and informing pedagogical practice. I am interested in gathering information about:

* *What is the distribution of academic praise and academic criticism / social behaviour praise and social behaviour criticism across different contexts (group and whole class)?*
* *How well calibrated are teacher predictions and perceptions of their use of language to observational data?*
* *How do teachers articulate what they are trying to achieve when using different types of language?*

**Why have I been asked to participate?**

I am observing 12 teachers across 4 schools plus conducting a pilot study in a 5th school. I have asked head teachers to invite teachers who teach across a variety of age ranges in their schools to enable me to gather a broad range of data.

**What will happen to me if I take part?**

I will come into your class on a day agreed by us and your school. I will observe you for one hour, making notes and observations about the different language you use. I may bring a research assistant with me who will also observe and take notes.

I would like you to spend at least 20 consecutive minutes during the hour working with a small group within the classroom itself. Please do not select specific children for my benefit. Plan as you usually would.

Following the observation, I will spend 60 – 90 minutes interviewing you about the lesson. The interview will focus on your language. (I will not be asking about curriculum or assessment). I will video record the interview in order to transcribe and analyse it afterwards.

The thesis is due to be completed by June 2023. I will send out a summary of the research findings during the autumn of 2023.

**Are there any benefits in my taking part?**

Participating in this study will help improve our current understanding of language used in classrooms. This will help researchers to:

* provide important information for coaching and mentoring teachers.
* consider how certain contexts shape the language teachers use thus informing pedagogical practice
* provide important information for supporting small group intervention packages

Every participating school will receive £100 for their PTA fund. This benefit will still be given to the school even if individual teachers decide to withdraw from the research.

Thank you for participating

**Are there any risks involved?**

No

**What data will be collected?**

I will collect:

* The year group of your class
* The number of children in the class
* The number of children in your small group
* The amount of time (in minutes) I observe you
* How many years you have been in teaching
* A transcript from your interview
* A video of your interview

Hard copies of information will be locked into a workbag for transport. All data will then be transferred to the University of Southampton laptop and IT system. Hard copies will be destroyed once inputted. Electronic data (e.g., scanned paperwork, video recordings, transcriptions) will be held securely and in line with General Data Protection Regulations (2018) using the University of Southampton’s IT system.

Contact information is held in the University of Southampton password protected email system. Microsoft authenticator is also required for access.

**Will my participation be confidential?**

We will handle all data confidentially. At the end of the research, findings will be presented as a whole, and individual data will not be identifiable. Any names of children, schools, classes or other information that may make you personally identifiable (e.g., “I was off sick with COVID for 6 weeks last term,”) will be removed from the transcription. However, it is likely that others in your school will know that you are taking part.

Only members of the research team and responsible members of the University of Southampton (including voluntary research assistants) may be given access to data about you for monitoring purposes and/or to carry out an audit of the study to ensure that the research is complying with applicable regulations. Individuals from regulatory authorities (people who check that we are carrying out the study correctly) may require access to your data. All of these people have a duty to keep your information, as a research participant, strictly confidential.

Once your interview is transcribed, the original recording will be destroyed. There will be an anonymization key to link the classroom data to the transcription.

**Do I have to take part?**

No, it is entirely up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you decide you want to take part, you will need to sign a consent form to show you have agreed to take part.

**What happens if I change my mind?**

You have the right to change your mind and withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without your participant rights being affected. If you wish to withdraw, please email [r.s.thompson@soton.ac.uk](mailto:r.s.thompson@soton.ac.uk). You may withdraw up until your interview is transcribed.

**What will happen to the results of the research?**

Your personal details will remain strictly confidential. Research findings made available in any reports or publications will not include information that can directly identify you without your specific consent.

You will receive a summary copy of the results and findings and a copy will be sent to your school. The research will be written up in full into a thesis submission. You can request a copy of the full thesis after October 2023. It may also be sent for publication in a journal.

*After the report has been written up, the pseudonymised data will be stored on the University of Southampton’s Data Repository archive system. It is anticipated that the anonymised research data may be made accessible to the wider academic community in order to support further research in the area. In this way future research could also aim to support better pedagogical practice.The access to this data will not include commercial use.*

*If you wish to file a complaint, please follow the instructions below.*

**Where can I get more information?**

If you have any further questions, please email [r.s.thompson@soton.ac.uk](mailto:r.s.thompson@soton.ac.uk) or [edpsych-fels@soton.ac.uk](mailto:edpsych-fels@soton.ac.uk)

**What happens if there is a problem?**

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, you should speak to the researchers who will do their best to answer your questions.

If you remain unhappy or have a complaint about any aspect of this study, please contact the University of Southampton Research Integrity and Governance Manager (023 8059 5058, [rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk)).

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**Data Protection Privacy Notice**

The University of Southampton conducts research to the highest standards of research integrity. As a publicly-funded organisation, the University has to ensure that it is in the public interest when we use personally-identifiable information about people who have agreed to take part in research. This means that when you agree to take part in a research study, we will use information about you in the ways needed, and for the purposes specified, to conduct and complete the research project. Under data protection law, ‘Personal data’ means any information that relates to and is capable of identifying a living individual. The University’s data protection policy governing the use of personal data by the University can be found on its website (<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/legalservices/what-we-do/data-protection-and-foi.page>).

This Participant Information Sheet tells you what data will be collected for this project and whether this includes any personal data. Please ask the research team if you have any questions or are unclear what data is being collected about you.

Our privacy notice for research participants provides more information on how the University of Southampton collects and uses your personal data when you take part in one of our research projects and can be found at <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/assets/sharepoint/intranet/ls/Public/Research%20and%20Integrity%20Privacy%20Notice/Privacy%20Notice%20for%20Research%20Participants.pdf>

Any personal data we collect in this study will be used only for the purposes of carrying out our research and will be handled according to the University’s policies in line with data protection law. If any personal data is used from which you can be identified directly, it will not be disclosed to anyone else without your consent unless the University of Southampton is required by law to disclose it.

Data protection law requires us to have a valid legal reason (‘lawful basis’) to process and use your Personal data. The lawful basis for processing personal information in this research study is for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest. Personal data collected for research will not be used for any other purpose.

For the purposes of data protection law, the University of Southampton is the ‘Data Controller’ for this study, which means that we are responsible for looking after your information and using it properly. The University of Southampton will keep identifiable information about you for 10 years after the study has finished after which time any link between you and your information will be removed.

To safeguard your rights, we will use the minimum personal data necessary to achieve our research study objectives. Your data protection rights – such as to access, change, or transfer such information - may be limited, however, in order for the research output to be reliable and accurate. The University will not do anything with your personal data that you would not reasonably expect.

If you have any questions about how your personal data is used, or wish to exercise any of your rights, please consult the University’s data protection webpage (https://www.southampton.ac.uk/legalservices/what-we-do/data-protection-and-foi.page) where you can make a request using our online form. If you need further assistance, please contact the University’s Data Protection Officer ([data.protection@soton.ac.uk](mailto:data.protection@soton.ac.uk)).

Data will be pseudonymised. Data that has been pseudonymised through key-coding and removal of personal identifiers still falls within the scope of the GDPR. This is because the data that allows identification of that person still exists, just not all in one place. Pseudonymised data can help reduce privacy risks by making it more difficult to identify individuals, but it is still personal data. If you are using pseudonymisation, i.e. linking data using a code, this should be explained with details on who can access the codes so as to enable an individual to be identified.

**Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet and consider being part of the research.**