**PUPIL ASSENT FORM: Year 10 Boys**

**Study Title**: Safety in Schools: Exploring boys’ views about their own and girls’ safety.

**Ethics/ERGO number:** 90843

**Version and date:** Version 3 05/06/24

Thank you for your interest in this study. It is very important to us to conduct our studies in line with ethics principles, and this Assent Form asks you to confirm if you agree to take part in the above study. Please carefully consider the statements below and add your initials and signature only if you agree to participate in this research and understand what this will mean for you.

**Please add your initials to the boxes below if you agree with the statements:**

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| **Mandatory Consent Statements** | **Participant Initials** |
| I confirm that I have read the Participant Information Sheet Year 10 Version 3 05/06/24 explaining the study above and I understand what is expected of me. |  |
| I was given the opportunity to consider the information, ask questions about the study, and all my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. |  |
| I agree to take part in this study and understand that data collected during this research project will be used for the purpose of this study. |  |
| I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw from this study at any time up to the point of transcription without giving a reason. |  |
| I understand that my confidentiality and anonymity cannot be guaranteed in focus groups but that any information collected by the researcher will be kept confidential (unless it needs to be disclosed by law), and that participants will be asked to keep the discussions confidential. |  |
| I understand that I must keep the information discussed during the focus groups confidential and that I should not name other pupils during the discussion. |  |
| I understand that I will be asked to anonymously provide information on my ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender but that I do not have to if I do not want to. |  |
| I understand that the focus group discussion will be recorded. A transcript will be made of the recording, but all names will be changed to protect my personal data and that of other participants. The audio file will be destroyed after the transcript is made. |  |
| I understand that anonymous data from this study may be used in future research. |  |
| I understand that if I withdraw from the study, it may not be possible to remove my data once my personal information is no longer linked to the study data. I understand that I can withdraw my data from the use in this study within a month following my participation. |  |

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| Name of person taking consent | Signature | Date |