
Evaluation of “Incredible Years: Teacher Classroom Management”

Privacy notice for parents and carers

1 Why are we collecting this data?

The Incredible Years Teacher Classroom Management (IY-TCM) is a teacher training programme that aims to strengthen teachers’ confidence in classroom management and to improve the classroom climate. The programme ultimately intends to enhance children’s emotional and social wellbeing.

The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) has been commissioned to evaluate the IY-TCM programme. The evaluation will be conducted as a randomised controlled trial; this means that of all schools that apply to take part in the trial, half will be randomly selected to receive the programme, and half will continue with their normal practice. NFER will be collecting data about pupil’s wellbeing and behaviour, from all schools that take part in the trial.

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has commissioned and funded the IY-TCM evaluation. NFER and the University of Exeter (joint data controllers) will jointly decide what happens to childrens data as part of the evaluation. When the trial is completed and the data is submitted to the archive, NFER and the University of Exeter will delete all children’s data, and the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) will become the data controller.

Due to the continued disruption in schools from Covid-19 we have had to make changes to this trial and the data that will be collected as part of the evaluation. Key Stage 1 results will no longer be collected as part of the trial.

2 What personal data is being collected by this project?

We will collect the following personal data about each child from their school:

- The child’s name, date of birth, Unique Pupil Number (UPN), gender and eligibility for Free School Meals. This data will be kept up to date during the trial.
- Teacher’s questionnaire responses about each child’s behaviour. These include the Pupil Behaviour Questionnaire, and the Student Teacher Relationship Scale.

Originally as part of this evaluation we had hoped to collect the pupils’ Year 2 (Key Stage 1) SATs results, however due to the continued disruption in schools from Covid-19, there will be no SATs for pupils in KS1 this year and therefore we will no longer be asking schools to submit this data as part of evaluation.

We will collect the following special data about your child, directly from the school

- Teachers responses about your child’s mental health and wellbeing, gathered through the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire.

3 What is the legal basis for processing activities?

The legal basis for processing your child’s personal and special data is covered by:

- Personal data is covered by GDPR Article 6 (1) (f):

Legitimate interests: the processing is necessary for your (or a third party’s) legitimate interests unless there is a good reason to protect the individual’s personal data which overrides those legitimate interests.

Our legitimate interest for processing your child’s personal data is to administer the randomised controlled trial.

- Special personal data is covered by GDPR Article 9 (2) (j):

Processing is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) based on Union or Member State law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject.

Special data can be lawfully processed under ‘research exemption’ given that the two conditions specified by Sections 19.2 and 19.3 of the Data Protection Act 2018 are met: 1) the research is not likely to cause substantial damage or distress to the data subjects and 2) the purpose of the research is not to make decisions about particular data subjects.

4 How will personal data be obtained?

NFER will collect data about each child directly from schools, which will be uploaded to a unique secure school portal.

We will also collect teachers’ questionnaire responses about your child’s wellbeing and classroom behaviour.

5 Who will personal data be shared with?

Only NFER will see your children’s data during the evaluation.

At the end of the trial, NFER will share the data with EEF’s data archive processor through secure data portals, where it will be encrypted and saved to secure servers. At that point EEF will become the data controller and NFER will no longer have any responsibility for it.

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6 Is personal data being transferred outside of the European Economic Areas (EEA)?

No personal data is stored or transferred outside of the EEA.

7 How long will personal data be retained?

NFER will share all the data with EEF's data archive processor within three months of the trial completion. NFER and the University of Exeter will delete any personal and special data after one year from the publication of the final report.

Data is not kept longer than is necessary and is deleted in accordance with NFER's internal policy.

8 Can I stop my personal data being used?

NFER handles personal data in accordance with the rights given to individuals under data protection legislation. If at any time you wish us to withdraw your child's data or correct errors in it, please contact incredibleyears@nfer.ac.uk

In certain circumstances, data subjects have the right to restrict or object to processing. They also have the right to make a subject access request to see all the information held about them. NFER will cooperate fully when a subject access request (SAR) is made. To exercise these rights, please contact our Compliance Officers (compliance@nfer.ac.uk, dataprotection@exeter.ac.uk)

9 Who can I contact about this project?

For any queries please contact incredibleyears@nfer.ac.uk

If you have a concern about the way this project processes personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us or the University of Exeter in the first instance. Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office, the body responsible for enforcing data protection legislation in the UK, at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.

10 Last updated

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time.

This privacy notice was updated on 6 May 2021. The update covered changes to the personal data being collected as a result of changes to Key Stage 1 standardised testing this year.