

**APPENDIX B****Information and Consent Form - Parents**

Dear Parent,

Your son/daughter has been invited to take part in a PhD study which explores a new way of working with reading and writing with schooled contemporary teenagers. Before you decide if you would like your son or daughter to participate in this project, it is important that you are well informed about what it is about and what would be required of him or her. Please take the time to read the following information carefully and ask any questions that you might have. You can keep a copy of this information sheet for future reference. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

**Who will guide this research?**

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**What is the purpose?** The purpose of this research is to explore a new way of working with reading and creative writing with schooled contemporary teenagers. The study will explore how your son or daughter's views, ideas and experiences might relate to those stories he or she will read and write, and how the stories your son or daughter will be reading and writing, might impact their views, ideas and experiences. It will also explore if reading and writing in this way is something your son or daughter might consider valuable for themselves or others.

**How long will the project take?** From our first to our last day working together with your son or daughter, 16 weeks will go by, but we won't be working together every day! On average, we will be working together for two hours a week with a pre-established schedule with the school's Director and teachers, so the project doesn't interfere with your child's academic responsibilities.

**The Project: What will your son/daughter be doing?** If we have your consent, your son or daughter will be working together with me in different activities throughout these weeks by taking part of different sessions each week, like this:

1. **Reading and Writing Workshop:** Your son or daughter will be reading some short stories and together with other students participating, they will create their own. There are 10 workshops, one happening every week.
2. **Individual interview:** Half way through the workshops, I will be interviewing your son or daughter on the work they have developed so far, exploring issues and their views and experiences as a contemporary Colombian schooled teenager.
3. **Group interview:** All participants will meet and discuss their experience, opinions and ideas about participating in this research.
4. **Showing their work:** There will be an opportunity for the participants to show what they

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wrote and produced to their school, parents and community, if they want to. You are more than invited to take a look at what your son or daughter created during our time together.

**How will all this information be recorded?** During our meetings, I will be taking notes. The meetings will be audio-visually recorded for transcription purposes. During our workshops, I will also be taking pictures to record moments of interest that occur and these may be used in my thesis.

**What happens with the information I receive? Will anyone know it was your son/daughter?**

1. When I transcribe the information to written documents, your son/daughter's names will not be included and will be substituted by pseudonyms, preserving your son/daughter's anonymity.
2. Only the information your son/daughter wishes to share in the study will be used. If they change their minds on something they shared, the information will be dismissed from the study.

**Does my son/daughter have to participate?** No. Participation is voluntary, and if you are receiving this form, is because your son/daughter has shown interest in participating and no one has obliged them to do so. If you agree to let your son/daughter participate, they can still withdraw at any time and are not bounded to be part of it.

**Is it safe?** Providing your son or daughter a safe atmosphere to participate is my highest priority. I guarantee:

- Your son/daughter will not be asked to talk about anything that they feel uncomfortable sharing with me or anyone in the group.
- Your son/daughter's interventions will not be evaluated as good or bad, nor will they be forced to participate in any part of the research process. Authenticity is really important.
- Your son/daughter will receive adequate support and guidance if they would feel that necessary

**Will I, or my son/daughter receive money for participating?** No. There is no monetary compensation for participating in this study.

**Where will the research take place?** The research will take place at your son/daughter's school during the school week. A schedule with the activities and days proposed will be shared with you and previously approved by the school. It will not affect their academic responsibilities.

**Will the outcomes of the research be published?** Besides the PhD dissertation, there is the possibility of publishing results in academic journals, books, and conference papers. Your son/daughter's confidentiality would be maintained accordingly. If approved by them, their short story can become part of a published material used by the school or local library.

**What if we have questions or concerns?** If you want to ask any question, provide feedback on the research process, or discuss something that is worrying you, you may contact me, **Camila Fuentes Díaz**, at [REDACTED] at any time. However, if you wish to discuss your concerns with someone outside the research team, please contact my Director of Studies Dr Mary Stakelum at [REDACTED] or the University's Ethics Committee at Bath Spa University through [researchsupportoffice@bathspa.ac.uk](mailto:researchsupportoffice@bathspa.ac.uk).

Documentation of Informed Consent

If you are happy for your son/daughter to participate in this study, please complete the following form and sign it. Your son/daughter will also be given a similar information sheet and consent form to sign. Both must be signed in order for your son/daughter to be able to participate in this study.

Please read carefully	Tick to agree
I have had the opportunity to read this consent form and have the research study explained to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the research project and my questions have been answered.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that my son/daughter's participation in this research is voluntary, and if they decide they do not want to make part of it anymore, they can withdraw their participation without having to give an explanation, and without any negative consequences to themselves or others.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand the information will be audio and videotaped for transcription purposes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand pictures will be taken in the workshop and that my son/daughter has a say in what pictures will be used.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand my son/daughter might wish to remain anonymous. If at any point of the study they change their mind, they can do so. Their names will not be used in any part of the research, and a pseudonym will be used in its place at all times, even for quotes that were to be used in published research.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am aware the information gathered will be used for a PhD dissertation, and related dissemination activities (articles, papers for conferences, chapters of books, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Informed consent:**

I am prepared to let my son/daughter participate in the research project described above.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I will receive a copy of this consent form after I sign it.

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Parent/ Guardian's Signature(s)

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Date

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Researcher's Signature

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Date