



Children are at the centre of everything we do

28 June 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

My name is Niamh, I am a student at Berkhamsted school and I have been volunteering with Miss Dell's Year 2 class since October.

As I am approaching Year 13 I have made the decision to continue studying Psychology at university. Thus, the following proposal would hugely benefit the quality of my personal statement when I apply!

I would like to ask for your permission to include your child in a Psychology experiment that aims to recreate the famous psychologist Jean Piaget's cognitive developmental study. This study aims to investigate the differences in children's ability to understand the conservation of quantity. The procedure involves asking each child a series of questions in relation to a short task. Either, placing a number of coins in front of the child and asking how many there are, or, guessing the volume of liquid within two different sized glasses. It's crucial to note that none of the children involved will be subject to any psychological or physical harm as it only involves asking a series of simple questions. Notwithstanding this, both you and your child have the right to decline participation, or withdraw any data after the experiment if you wish.

Providing consent for your child, would mean that your child could participate in the task and it would allow me to write about your child's responses. Your child would not be able to be identify. All of the information collated would be confidential.

Please can you provide a signed copy of this consent form and return by Friday 30 June, as it will take place on Friday 30 June in the afternoon.

Please speak to Miss Dell if you have any concerns.

Parental signature:

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Thank you,
Niamh Boy.

