Dear Parent/Guardian

**Birmingham City University Research Project: Young People, Schools and Social Media Project**

The school has agreed to take part in the above research project to be conducted by Assistant Lecturer/Doctoral Researcher Andrea Anastassiou from Birmingham City University. The purpose of the research project is to gather vital information about ‘sexting’ and what young people think about it.

The project will involve a short **confidential** interview in school with the Doctoral Researcher, Andrea Anastassiou. The interview will involve asking students opinions about sexting such as ‘why do you think young people sext?’. Students will also be invited to take part in an **anonymous** online focus group with young people from other participating schools in the region.

Your daughter is being invited to take part in this research project. This type of research is immensely important as currently not much is known about sexting which means that existing policies and laws designed to help and protect young people might not be effective. In addition it will provide useful information to help the school support and educate our students in safe, appropriate online use in the future.

This project has received full ethical approval from the faculty ethics committee at Birmingham City University and it is not anticipated that any harm will result from participation in this project. Our Senior Safeguarding Manager, Ms Pinell will be on hand if support is needed regarding their participation.

If you would like your daughter to participate in this project and receive more information, please complete the slip below and return to Ms Pinell by **Friday 6th October 2017.**

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and cooperation in this exciting opportunity to shape policy around teen sexting in the UK – by taking part we might help to bring about these changes.

Yours sincerely

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Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_[BLOCK CAPTIALS] Review group \_\_\_\_\_\_

I give consent for my daughter to participate in the above University Research Project.

Name of Parent /Guardian\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_