

SCUDO Research Project – Parent/Carer Notification

Dear Parent/Carer

Dixons Academies Trust has volunteered to take part in the 'SCUDO' research project from 26 September to 9 December. The SCUDO research project is being jointly run by University College London (UCL), Cabot Learning Federation (CLF), Dixons Academies Trust, and ONVU Limited. This research aims to improve the way we train new teachers and findings from the research will benefit teachers and students in our academy and across the country.

The SCUDO research project will work with a small number of trainee teachers and the teachers they are working with. A camera and microphone will be installed in a small number of classrooms, recording what the trainee teacher does and says for one lesson a week over a ten week period. As your child may be in a classroom where the trainee teacher is recorded, please read the attached privacy notice for further information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Natasha Raheem, Assistant Vice Principal, Dixons Centre for Growth (Dixons Academies Trust SCUDO Lead).

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Natasha Raheem

(Assistant Vice Principal, Dixons Centre for Growth)

Teaching Research Students Privacy Notice

What is happening?

We are always trying to improve the way that we train our new teachers. Working with University College London (UCL), we are taking part in research about how training for new teachers can be improved. The results will help all our teachers teach more effectively. There will be 12 trainee teachers across 4 of our academies taking part.

For the research to take place, we need to record lessons with this group of trainee teachers and provide some of those recordings to the team at UCL. To create the recordings, cameras will be installed in some classrooms. The cameras will be recording only when the trainee teachers are using the classroom (no more than 6 lessons a week) and the recordings will be stored on equipment in the academy. The research team will select one recording at random per week and upload this recording. The research is based on the trainee teachers and no information about the students will be used in the research. The recording will have images of students and may include things that some students say. Faces of individual students are not distinguishable on recordings.

None of this data about students will be used by our academies unless a researcher hears a student mention something that would be considered a safeguarding risk. In this case, the research team will contact the academy to ensure that the concern is followed up. This is part of our duty to put the safeguarding of our students first. The recordings are personal data, so we must explain how we deal with it.

Who is the data about?

The personal data relates to students who are taught by one of the trainee teachers taking part in the study.

What data is being used?

The data consists of video recordings with audio taken during lessons.

Who will the data be shared with?

We will be sharing some of the data collected with University College London and we are happy that they will follow all data protection rules when using it. There is an agreement that covers this data sharing. The data about students is not used in the research and will not be passed to any other organisation with students being identifiable.

Why is this allowed?

The research is not part of normal operation of the school but we believe it to be critical to help improve teaching and learning. The collection, storage and transfer of the data is legal because it is in the legitimate interests of Dixons Academies Trust to take part in the research. It's important to understand that we do not need consent to use data in this way.

How is the data is kept safe?

The data will be stored on a secure server on school premises and transferred to UCL in an encrypted form.

How long will the data be kept?

Data collection will end in December 2022 and recordings transferred to UCL will be retained for the duration of the research project.

What are my rights?

You have the right to access the data we hold about you. This is done through making a subject access request. If you are under 12 years of age, a parent or guardian will have to make the request. If you can show that data held about you isn't accurate you can ask us to correct it. You can object to us using your data. You can do this by contacting Dixons Academies Trust or the data protection officer whose details are shown below.

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