

Tuesday 5th May 2015

North Wolds Federation – Market Rasen Church of England Primary School / Nettleton Community Primary School

Dear Parent / Carer

Your child's school is taking part in the *Improving Writing Quality* programme evaluation. Durham University and the University of York have been asked by the Education Endowment Foundation (an organisation funding research into education) to independently evaluate the *Improving Writing Quality* programme.

The *Improving Writing Quality* programme is being led by the Calderdale Excellence Partnership. It is designed to improve children's writing skills before their Year 6 KS 2 assessments. Good writing skills are important for all children.

To find out how well the *Improving Writing Quality* programme works some schools will use the Improving Writing Quality programme this year and some schools will not. This is decided randomly by a computer. (However all schools will continue to teach children writing skills.) Researchers will then compare results from schools that have used the programme with schools that have not. In order to do this we would like to collect information about your child from your child's primary school.

For the purpose of research, information provided by your child's school (including your child's name, date of birth, gender, free school meal entitlement, unique pupil number, pupil premium status and Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 results) will be linked with information about your child from the National Pupil Database (held by the Department for Education) and shared with the Calderdale Excellence Partnership, Durham University and the University of York, the Department for Education, EEF, EEF's data contractor FFT Education and in an **anonymised** form to the UK Data Archive. Your child's data will be treated with the strictest confidence. We will not use your child's name or the name of the school in any report arising from the research.

If you are happy for information about your child to be used in the evaluation you do not need to do anything. Thank you for your help with this evaluation.

If you would rather your child's school did not share information about your child for use in this evaluation please complete the enclosed form and return it to your child's school by **Friday 8th May 2015**.

If you would like further information about the evaluation please contact Hannah Ainsworth the Evaluation Coordinator: hannah.ainworth@york.ac.uk; 01904 328158

Yours faithfully

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