

The logo for 'AllPlay Learn' is prominently displayed at the top left. 'All' is in red, 'play' is in green, and 'learn' is in blue. The background is a vibrant collage of educational icons including a microscope, scissors, a beaker, a globe, a book, a pencil, and a graduation cap, all set against a backdrop of colorful, flowing lines.

# AllPlay Learn

Dear Participant,

Thank you for your interest in AllPlay Learn and for taking the time to read this participant information statement.

While you complete this professional learning course, we will collect some data from you on a de-identified basis. We are seeking your permission to use your data for research purposes. Before you decide, it is important that you understand what is involved. Please take the time to read this statement carefully.

### What is the purpose of this research?

Participants will be asked a series of evaluation and reflection questions before, during and after they have completed the online course. The purpose is to provide the research team with feedback and information which may assist to improve the course for future learners and increase our understanding on how the course is being used.

### What do I need to do?

Participants will complete short (approx. 5 minutes) questions before and after the course. As you complete different lessons, you will be asked questions to assess your knowledge of the content. You will also be given opportunities to reflect on your teaching practice with children with disabilities.

If you consent, we will include your responses in research activities including reports and publications. The results will not identify you in any way and only group level results will be reported.

### What are my alternatives to using my data for research purposes?

You do not have to take part if you do not want to. If you decide not to participate, your responses to the questions will not be used in research activities including reports or publications. If you decide to take part and later change your mind, you are free to withdraw your data from research activities.

### What are the possible benefits?

We do not expect you to benefit directly from contributing your data to research activities. However, your participation may help us improve the course for future learners.

### What are the possible risks?

We do not expect any risks, side-effects or discomforts for you.

### How will my information be kept confidential?

All the information you give us will stay private. We can only disclose the information with your permission, except as required by law. We will only use your information for this research project. The only people who can access your information are the research team.

You have the right to access, and ask correction of, your information in accordance with the Freedom for Information Act 1982 (Vic). The information will be re-identifiable. This means we will remove your name from the information you give us and project numbers will be used. If necessary, only the research team can match your name to the project number. We will keep all information in a password-protected computer database at Deakin University. We will keep your information for 5 years, after which data will be deleted from all network drives.

The results of this project may be presented at conferences and published in professional and academic journals. The results will not identify you in any way.

### What do I do now?

Please indicate when prompted at the start of the professional learning course if you would like your data to be used for research purposes.

### Questions or concerns?

If you have any questions about AllPlay Learn, please call Dr Ana Mantilla (03) 9244 5204 or [allplaylearn@deakin.edu.au](mailto:allplaylearn@deakin.edu.au).

If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted or any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact: The Manager, Office of Research Integrity Deakin University, 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood Victoria 3125, Telephone: 9251 7129, Facsimile: 9244 6581; [research-ethics@deakin.edu.au](mailto:research-ethics@deakin.edu.au). Please quote project number 2018-173.