

Questionnaire Introduction and information sheet

Research Title: Learning through adversity: Understanding Stakeholder Perceptions of Resilience to Inform Teaching and Learning.

Dear Headteacher,

I, Harriet Phelps-Knights, am currently undertaking a professional doctorate in education (EdD) with University of Buckingham. This research explores resilience and coping strategies within a school community context, including staff experiences.

Background

In recent years, educational settings have experienced a range of challenges including academic pressures, social stressors, and significant events such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Understanding how members of a school community respond to challenge may contribute to wider knowledge regarding resilience in education.

Research Objectives

This study seeks to:

1. Explore how members of a school community respond when faced with challenges.
2. Identify the range of coping strategies used.
3. Develop a deeper understanding of approaches experienced as helpful within this context.

Participation

Participation is voluntary. Choosing not to participate will have no disadvantage or consequence. Completing the questionnaire will indicate your informed consent for your anonymous data to be used within this research.

Confidentiality

All responses will remain confidential. The questionnaire is completed online via Microsoft Forms. Responses are received anonymously and cannot be linked to individuals. Ethical guidelines and data protection protocols have been followed. Data will be retained until the EdD is completed and then securely destroyed. You may withdraw at any time without consequence.

Support

If completing this questionnaire raises any concerns for you, you may consider contacting the Education Support service for support.

Instructions

- Please answer questions as honestly as you wish to.
- You may skip any question you prefer not to answer.
- Select "Submit" when complete.

I will also be conducting optional interviews as a second phase of this study. If you would be interested in taking part in an interview, please email my University address 2116774@buckingham.ac.uk to register your interest.

Thank you for considering participation in this research.