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Appendix C

PARTICIPANT ASSENT FORM

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Hello, my name is Daelle Fainstein. I am from Wits University. I am completing a research project at your school and I am inviting you to take part. It is entirely up to you if you want to participate in my project.

If you do decide to participate, I will see you twice, in a group together with other learners from your class. Each time, you will need to fill out a questionnaire that I will read with you, during a lesson that your teacher has suggested. The questionnaires are not for marks, and there are no right or wrong answers. Completing the questionnaires will neither advantage nor disadvantage you in any way. No answers from the questionnaires will be made known to your parents/guardians and teachers. Once you have completed both questionnaires, I will change your real name to a code name, so no one except me will know who you are. You may decide that you don't want to answer some of the questions, and that is okay. If you feel uncomfortable with completing any of the questionnaires, you are welcome to leave, and I will not ask you any further questions. I will also need to ask your teacher for your Maths and English marks from last term. I am the only one who will see your marks.

Your answers from the questionnaires and your school marks will only be used for me to understand children in a group, so your individual results will not be included in my final research report.

Please write your name on the line below if you would like to accept the invitation to participate in my research project. Please remember that I will change your name to a code name.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

GRADE: _____