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Classroom-based research with student teachers

Ethical Research

Student teachers may be required to undertake small-scale classroom-based research in order to complete assignments. The following letter should be made known to parents/guardians so that informed consent or a request to withdraw from the research being undertaken is allowed:

This school is a partner with the professional learning partnership that sits within the Athrofa at University of Wales Trinity Saint David in Carmarthen and Swansea. This school offers placements to student teachers. When student teachers work within the school they are always under the supervision of the class teacher. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that as part of their University-based assessment, the student teachers will be required to evaluate classroom practice. This sometimes takes the form of a written evaluation or assessment of children’s work and can also involve asking staff and children about their views. This activity does not differ from usual classroom practice.

If you would like more information about the work taking place in your child’s class please don’t hesitate to ask the class teacher. If, following this discussion, you decide you don’t want your child to be involved in any classroom-based evaluation undertaken by student teachers, please inform the class teacher.

If you would like more information about the initial education and training of new teachers, please contact the APLP through its senior administrator, Christine Rees.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.