

RESEARCH PRIVACY NOTICE

Introduction

This Research Privacy Notice governs the use and storage of your personal data by the University of Limerick (the "University"). The processing of this data is carried out in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) / Data Protection Acts 1988-2018 ("Data Protection Law") and in accordance with this Research Privacy Notice.

Any personal data which you provide to the University as part of this research project will be treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality, in accordance with Irish and European Data Protection Law. This Notice sets out details of the information that we collect, how we process it and who we share it with. It also explains your rights under data protection law in relation to our processing of your data.

1. Title and Purpose of the research project

"An exploration of student experience participating in the JHSA Primary School Project".

1.1 The researchers are interested in exploring student's experiences participating in JHSA Primary School Project (The Care Aware Crew Programme). They see a need to discover how online programme affect the student's academic engagement. The findings will help the project team to identify strengths and weaknesses of the programme, thus enable them to provide a better programme to schools in the future.

2. Research Ethics Committee

2.1 Ethical approval was granted by UL ethics committee on 10/04/2024 and updated on 07/01/2025 by Chair's Action. The research ethics approval number is [2024_03_19_EHS].

3. Identity of the Data Controller(s)

3.1 The Data Controller:

- University of Limerick, Plassey, Limerick.

4. Identity and Contact Details of the Data Protection Officer of the Data Controller(s)/

4.1 You can contact the University of Limerick's Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@ul.ie or by writing to Data Protection Officer, Room A1-073, University of Limerick, Limerick.

5. The Identity of the Principal Investigator

5.1 The Principal Investigator for this Research Project is Dr. Niamh Cummins, School of Medicine (Associate Professor B in Public Health)

6. How we will use your personal data

6.1 The University must process your personal data in order to undertake research relating to this project/study. The data will be collected from the student participants through survey questions and school work, and teacher participants through focus groups. The personal data will only be collected from the teacher participants. This personal data will be behavioural information relating to the student's experience participating in JHSA Primary School project. It is hoped that the findings of the study will help the project team to identify the strength and weaknesses of the programme delivered. It will also help teachers to identify pupils' level of understanding of the topics learned throughout the project.

6.2 The personal data collected and used in this research will include: The data relating to behavioural information which will be collected through the focus groups with teachers, where they will share the students' participation in the JHSA Primary School project.

6.3 You provide us with your personal data to enable us to undertake the research project. Participation in this research project is voluntary and participants may withdraw without giving any reason. Should you wish to withdraw, you may do so by contacting the Principal Investigator at niamh.cummins@ul.ie or in writing to Dr. Niamh Cummins, School of Medicine, University of Limerick, Limerick.

7. Lawful Basis for University Processing Personal Data

7.1 *Data Protection Law requires that the University must have a valid legal reason to process and use your personal data. This is often called a 'lawful basis'. GDPR requires us to be explicit with you about the lawful basis upon which we rely in order to process information about you.*

7.2 *The University is carrying out this research in the public interest and for scientific, historical or statistical purposes. In doing so, we are relying on Article 6(1)(e) of the GDPR. Where we are processing special category or sensitive personal data, we are relying on Article 9(2)(j) of GDPR. As required under Data Protection Law, we have appropriate safeguards in place in order to protect your personal data; these are set out in the next section.*

8. Protecting Your Personal Data

8.1 *We have the following measures in place to help ensure we keep your personal data safe:*

- *All researchers at the University must adhere to University policies and procedures that tell our staff and students how to collect and use your information safely;*
- *Training is made available to all researchers to ensure our staff and students understand the importance of data protection and how to protect your personal data;*
- *The University has security arrangements and technical measures in place that ensure your information is stored safely and securely;*
- *All research projects involving personal data are reviewed and approved by a research ethics committee in line with University policies and procedures;*
- *Where a research project may involve a high risk, we first carry out a data protection impact assessment to assess risks and ensure adequate safeguards are in place;*
- *Where your personal data is processed for health research, we will always obtain your explicit consent in advance (in line with the Health Research Regulations 2018).*

8.2 Personal data collected for this research project will be pseudonymised within two weeks after collection

9. Sharing Your Personal Data with Third Parties

9.2 The University will disclose your personal data to external third parties where such disclosure is necessary for the research project. We will share your personal data with the following:

A one-page summary of findings will be distributed to the project team members, participants and the school community. The strengths/benefits gain from the findings will be uploaded to the JHSA website for promotional purposes.

We require that third parties only use or disclose such Personal Data as necessary to provide the requested services to us and in a manner consistent with the use and disclosure provisions of this Privacy Notice and Data Protection Law. Third parties that receive Personal Data from us must satisfy us as to the measures taken to protect the Personal Data such parties receive.

11. How Long Will We Keep Your Data

11.1 All Personal Data collected for this research project will be retained for 7 years.

12. Your Rights

12.1 *Depending on the lawful basis which we rely on to process your Personal Data, you may have the right to request that we:*

- *provide you with information as to whether we process your data and details relating to our processing, and with a copy of your personal data;*
- *rectify any inaccurate data we might have about you without undue delay;*
- *complete any incomplete information about you;*
- *under certain circumstances, erase your Personal Data without undue delay;*
- *under certain circumstances, be restricted from processing your data;*
- *under certain circumstances, furnish you with the Personal Data which you provided us within a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format;*

12.2 *Requests for any of the above should be addressed by email to the Principal Investigator at niamh.cummins@ul.ie AND the Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@ul.ie. Your request will be processed within 30 days of receipt. Please note, however, it may not be possible to facilitate all requests, for example, where the University is required by law to collect and process certain personal data including that personal information that is required of any research participant.*

12.3 *It is your responsibility to let the Principal Investigator know if your contact details change.*

13. Queries, Contacts, Right of Complaint

13.1 *Further information on Data Protection at the University of Limerick may be viewed at www.ul.ie/dataprotection. You can contact the Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@ul.ie or by writing to Data Protection Officer, Room A1-073, University of Limerick, Limerick.*

13.2 *You have a right to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (Supervisory Authority). While we recommend that you raise any concerns or queries with us first at the following email address misrah.mohamed@ul.ie, you may contact that Office at info@dataprotection.ie or by writing to the Data Protection Commission, 21 Fitzwilliam Square South, Dublin 2, D02 RD28.*