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## Privacy notice for the Our Future longitudinal study

The research organisation TNS-BMRB is working on behalf of the Department for Education (DfE) on a second longitudinal study of young people in England (LSYPE2) to better understand the lives of young people in England. This study is called “Our Future”. Our Future is one of the most important studies of young people in England happening at the moment. The research follows a large number of young people through education and beyond to find out about their experiences and their views.

Many surveys give a one-off snap shot of how someone is at the moment they are interviewed. Our Future is different. It is what is known as a ‘longitudinal’ study, following people’s lives over a number of years to see what changes occur, and giving a fascinating and dynamic picture.

Around 13,000 young people who were in Year 9 in school were first interviewed in 2013 as part of the study, along with their parents or guardians. These young people were selected to give an accurate picture across England, and therefore their views cannot be replaced with anyone else’s.

Taking part in the study is entirely voluntary; you do not have to take part if you would prefer not to. However, this study is really important so we can better understand the lives of young people, so we would really appreciate it if you were involved. If you decide to take part and then change your mind at a later date please let us know by contacting TNS-BMRB on 0800 015 4492 or [ourfuture@tns-bmrb.co.uk](mailto:ourfuture@tns-bmrb.co.uk).

Anything you tell us is strictly confidential. TNS-BMRB and DfE will securely hold the information you provide. Information which may identify you (such as your name, address, date of birth) will be kept separate from your survey responses and no-one will be able to identify you from your answers. Your personal details will only ever be given to research organisations doing work for DfE on the study and will be kept secure at all times. Your information will not be sold to anyone or be used for marketing purposes.

Your information will be made available to researchers and academics who are conducting research and analysis into young people and education. They will never be given your personal details and will not be able to identify you from the information they use. The results of the survey are written up in reports in a manner which ensures it is not possible to identify you or your family.

The survey information you provide will be extremely useful for research now and for many years to come, and as such it is kept indefinitely. However, your personal contact details will only be kept for as long as you remain in the study or for as long as you provide your permission.

You can, if you wish, have access to the personal contact details which TNS-BMRB holds for you. You can get these by contacting them on 0800 015 4492 or [ourfuture@tns-bmrb.co.uk](mailto:ourfuture@tns-bmrb.co.uk). However, as the survey information is kept separate from your personal contact details, we will be unable to give you copies of the survey responses you provide to us. This is in accordance with the Data Protection Act (section 33 (3)).

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