This assent form is intended to be suitable for children aged 6 upwards and may be completed either when their parents have given informed consent, or have not completed an opt-out form. Please note that, although desirable, use of this assent form is not compulsory. In addition, if applicable, this may be used as an oral assent script. In such cases someone would read these questions to the child and have them answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to each question.

An oral consent process is acceptable in Social Sciences & Humanities studies if there are justifiable reasons for doing so.

Essential text is highlighted yellow and intended for the researcher to complete.

Advisory text and/or optional statements are highlighted turquoise.

**ASSENT FORM FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16**

**[Project title]**

Child/Young Person (or if unable, parent/researcher/teacher on their behalf) to circle all they agree with:

* Has somebody else explained this project to you? Yes/No
* Do you understand what this project is about? Yes/No
* Have you asked all the questions you want? Yes/No
* Have you had your questions answered in a way you understand? Yes/No
* Do you understand it’s OK to stop taking part at any time? Yes/No
* Are you happy to take part? Yes/No
* Are you happy for your voice to be recorded? Yes/No
* Are you happy to be on video? Yes/No
* Are you happy to have photographs taken? Yes/No

**If any answers are “no” or you don’t want to take part, that’s OK! No one will be cross with you.**

It’s sometimes the case that participants are illiterate; therefore a thumbprint box is included below for such cases. If the children you will be assenting are literate, then this text and the box should be deleted.

If you do want to take part, please write your name below, or place your thumb print in the box.

Your name

Date

The researcher who explained this project to you needs to sign too:

Print Name

Sign

Date

In such instances where the child is illiterate, or in cases of oral consent where projects cover sensitive issues, the below section should also be included:

A witness should also sign:

Print Name

Sign

Date

**Thank you!**