



Researching  
The National Gallery Take One Picture Project with Northampton Primary Academy Trust Partnership  
- TOP for NPAT -

Dear Parent

In the summer term, your child's school will be taking part in **TOP for NPAT: The National Gallery 'Take One Picture' Programme** with **Northampton Primary Academy Trust Partnership**. The aim of this exciting programme is to enhance all aspects of Year 4 children's learning, particularly art and writing, through engagement with an Old Masters painting. Your child will have the opportunity to take part in the **TOP for NPAT** programme at school.

Alongside the **TOP for NPAT** programme, the National Gallery has commissioned a University of Northampton team to carry out research about the programme. The research team will gather the views of NPAT Y4 children and their teachers about their experiences of the **TOP for NPAT** programme.

**We would like to invite your Y4 child to take part in the research**, which will take place on a normal day at school. If you agree, we will invite your child to complete two child-friendly questionnaires: one before and one at the end of the **TOP for NPAT** programme in the summer term. Your child's views are very important for the **TOP for NPAT** programme and the research findings will help your child's teachers and National Gallery staff to plan children's learning and future projects.

All aspects of the research will be conducted according to an ethics code and procedure governed by the University of Northampton. More information is overleaf. If you have any questions about the **TOP for NPAT** research, please e-mail me at [jane.murray@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:jane.murray@northampton.ac.uk)

**To enable your child to take part in the TOP for NPAT research...**

- a) **Complete and sign the consent form overleaf;**
- b) **Detach the consent form, and return within one week to your child's teacher, or as soon as possible.**

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jane Murray

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**PARENTS' CONSENT FORM**

Please tick ✓ to agree	<b>Research about The National Gallery 'Take One Picture' Programme for NPAT Schools: TOP for NPAT</b>
	I have read and understand the information about the <b>TOP for NPAT</b> research.
	I am happy for my child to take part in two questionnaires for the <b>TOP for NPAT</b> research

My child's name is:		My child's school is:	
My name is:		My child's teacher is:	

My signature .....



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## Research Information

**Who are the researchers?** A University of Northampton research team led by Dr Jane Murray.

**Who will take part in the study?** Teachers who take part in the National Gallery **TOP for NPAT** programme who agree to take part in the research, and Y4 children who take part in the National Gallery **TOP for NPAT** programme, whose parents agree they can take part in the research.

**When and where will the research take place?** During the summer term at your child's school.

**How will my child be involved?** At school, if you agree, your child will be invited by the teacher to complete a child-friendly questionnaire at the start and end of the **TOP for NPAT** programme. Children will not be asked to write their names on the questionnaires.

**What will the child-friendly questionnaires include?** The questionnaires will ask Y4 children to share their experiences of the TOP for NPAT programme, writing, art, lessons and being a learner.

**Do I have to agree to my child taking part?** Your decision to agree that your child can take part in the research is voluntary. If you agree, you can change your mind at any time until the questionnaires have been completed.

**How will the questionnaire data be stored?** Data will be stored in line with the Data Protection Act 2018. All information the children provide will be transferred to a digital file which can only be accessed by the research team via a password. The information your child provides will be combined with other children's responses. Individuals will not be identifiable in the data that informs the research report. At the end of the project, individual questionnaire responses will be destroyed.

**How will the data be used?** The research findings will be reported to the National Gallery and the schools that take part in the project, so that they can use them to inform teaching and learning in the future. Findings may also be published in academic or professional journals. No child will be named in the research data, report or related publications.

The research team is committed to ensuring that the research is beneficial for everyone involved.