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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Dissertation Research Study Proposal

I am a second year Masters' student studying Psychology at Liverpool Hope University and I am looking for participants to take part in my dissertation research study.

The aim of the study is to explore the emotional impact of best friendships ending in teenage girls with ADHD as this is a relatively under studied area. To do this I am looking for 60 participants in total (30 girls with ADHD and 30 without ADHD), and would be very grateful if you and your daughter would take part.

As the participants required for the study are children and therefore classed as vulnerable, parents/guardians are asked to complete the questionnaires alongside their daughter for support and guidance. Parents/guardians are asked to complete a short online questionnaire based on the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire [<https://lhubos.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/strengths-and-difficulties-questionnaire>] and participants are asked to complete a short online questionnaire based on the Friendship Qualities Scales [<https://lhubos.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/friendship-qualities-scales>]. There is an option to further participate in a short follow-up interview after completion of the questionnaire, however you do not need to do this if you would prefer not to – it is the questionnaire that is most important please.

Both parent/guardian nor participant do not have to answer any questions they are not comfortable with and have the right to withdraw from the study at any time. Any follow-up interviews will be transcribed verbatim and all audio recordings will be deleted once transcription is complete. All data obtained from both the questionnaires and any follow-up interviews will be anonymised and all identifying information such as names, locations, dates etc will be removed to ensure confidentiality of the participant. The identity of the participants will not be shared with other researchers and all personal data will be destroyed upon completion of the project on or before 31st January 2021.

If you would like to discuss the research study in more detail before agreeing to participate please do not hesitate to contact me via email to 09009669@hope.ac.uk and I will arrange to call you back a convenient date and time.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

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