

## **BE OUT (Bring Education Outdoors) STUDY**

## **Educator Consent Form – Gathering Materials**

### What is the name of the study?

Bring Education Outdoors: BE OUT Study

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## Who is funding the study?

The study is being funded by the BC Children's Hospital Foundation

## Why are we doing the study?

We are building an educational tool that we hope will build capacity for elementary educators who wish to enhance opportunities for children's outdoor play and learning. We hope that this tool will also help parents and guardians understand the importance of outdoor play and learning in elementary schools. We aim to increase the intentional use of outdoor spaces in schools for playful learning. This study involves collecting materials such as photographs and video recordings that demonstrate effective outdoor play and learning in schools from elementary educators. These materials will be used in an educational capacity to promote outdoor play and learning, and may be shared on the outsideplay.ca tool, in online posts (e.g., Play Outside UBC Lab website, social media posts), conference proceedings, and in text publications.

You are being invited as one of twenty-five educators to take part in gathering materials for this study because you are an elementary school teacher in Canada.

#### How the study is done?

Your consent below indicates you understanding the following procedures:

## *Prior to collecting materials:*

- Materials such as photographs and video recordings collected may be shared on the
  outsideplay.ca tool, in online posts (e.g., Play Outside UBC Lab website, social media posts),
  conference proceedings, and in text publications.
- Researchers will explain what images you may collect and the important criteria to follow when collecting recordings for this study.

- You have the right to refuse to participate in this study. If you decide to take part, you may choose to pull out of the study at any time without giving a reason and without any penalty.
- As a participant in this stage, you will spend approximately 15 minutes going over the consent and fill in the demographic questionnaire in addition to spending approximately 120 minutes to plan for, produce or gather materials to submit/upload for the study. Total time commitment will be approximately 135 minutes.

#### During the materials collection process:

- You will collect photographs and video recordings of students engaging in outdoor play and learning.
- You can contact the BE OUT research team for any question or concern.
- All materials collected by you should be submitted to a secure Dropbox link.

## If material is selected for investigation of the BE OUT study:

- If material you submitted is being chosen for investigation to be used in the BE OUT study, you will be contacted by the researcher.
- A media consent form must be signed by the guardian of each student in the selected photographs and videos recordings.
- Upon this completion, you will receive a \$50 honorarium for each selected material.

## All materials selected for investigation of the BE OUT study should follow the criteria below:

- 1. Materials should capture outdoor play and learning.
- 2. Materials should be taken in Canada.
- 3. Subjects in the photographs and video recordings should be between the grades of kindergarten to grade 7 (elementary school age).
- 4. Materials should not include personally identifiable information such as students' name, age or school name/clear land marks.
- 5. Materials are not required to show students' faces. If your material is selected for investigation to be used in the BE OUT study, you will be asked to submit signed media consent from the guardian of each student who is visible in the selected materials.
- 6. You are encouraged to provide a summary description of the play and learning depicted in the material with your submission.
- 7. You may choose to submit anonymized assessment documentation that would be collected within the scope of your daily practice. These artifacts may be submitted in lieu of, or in support of, photographs to highlight curricular learning that emerged while engaged in outdoor play and learning.

#### After submitting materials:

• You will have an opportunity to review a draft of the BE OUT tool to approve our use of submitted materials prior to publishing.

#### How will the study results be shared?

We will develop an educational tool with the materials collected by participants in the BE OUT study. It will be accessible at <a href="https://outsideplay.ca">https://outsideplay.ca</a>. If you would like to be notified when the tool is launched, please provide your preferred contact method in the last section of the consent form.

# Is there any way being in the study could be bad for you?

We do not think there is anything in the study that could harm you or be bad for you. However, if you feel uncomfortable with any of the materials to be used for our study, you can revoke permission provided during the review of the draft and we will stop using the material.

## Will being in this study help you in any way?

This study has potential to amplify the importance of the work you do to your school community and beyond. You may find you benefit from working collaboratively with your peers and the tool development team. You may benefit from knowing that others will benefit from the tool created.

# How will your identity be protected?

Your confidentiality will be respected. Materials you have collected will be used for educational purposes in various media forms, including but not limited to, conference presentations, the outsideplay.ca tool, text publications, and related materials and similar services.

## How will your identities of children in the materials be protected?

To protect the identity of the children in the materials, the following criteria for materials will be adhered to. We may use photographs, videos recordings or audio clips for educational purposes in various media forms, including but not limited to, presentations, outsideplay.ca tool materials and similar services that may include identifiable features of your students. Materials published by the BC Children's Hospital Play Outside UBC Lab will not include students' names, schools, grades or facial features. Published materials will be respectful of the student, consistent with the educational purpose of the study highlighted above and in accordance with all legal obligations, including:

- The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* contains requirements for the collection, storage, use and disclosure of personal information (including an individual's image). Any image that shows an individual's face or other distinctive features constitutes personal information.
- The *Privacy Act* requires an individual to provide consent for the use of their name or image for advertising or promotional purposes.
- The *Copyright Act* protects creative works, such as performances and paintings. The owner of such works must give permission for the recording of those works.
- Federal and provincial privacy laws give safeguards for privacy, security, and authorized access to information. We will not give information that identifies you to anyone without your permission, except as required by law.
- Any identifiable information (e.g., signed consent/assent forms linking video recordings or visuals together) will be encrypted and stored in a password protected folder in a secured network at the BC Children's Hospital Institute or in a locked cabinet at Dr. Brussoni's BC Children's Hospital Institute office. Study data will be saved for five years after the launch of the application, and after that, all of the data will be permanently deleted. Only de-identified recordings and visuals will be publically available. De-identified means the student's name, birthdate, and other identifiers have been removed.

At any point in the study, if the research team becomes aware that there has been abuse and/or neglect of a child (or that there is a risk of such occurring in the future) please be advised that the study must, by law, report this information to the appropriate authorities.

## Is there any form of payment for participating in the study?

You will receive an honorarium of \$50 via e-transfer for each material we investigate for use in the publication of our educational tool.

## **Contact for information about the study**

If you have any questions or concerns about what we are asking of you, please contact the principal investigator, Dr. Mariana Brussoni at <a href="mailto:mbrussoni@bcchr.ca">mbrussoni@bcchr.ca</a> or 604-875-3712.

# Contact for concerns about the rights of study participants

If you have any concerns or complaints about your rights as a study participant and/or your experiences while participating in this study, contact the Research Participant Complaint Line in the University of British Columbia Office of Research Ethics by e-mail at RSIL@ors.ubc.ca or by phone at 604-822-8598 (Toll Free: 1-877-822-8598). You can contact them for any privacy related complaints as well. Please reference the study number (H22-01512) when contacting the Complaint Line so the staff can better assist you.

#### **Participant Consent**

Taking part in this study is entirely up to you. You have the right to refuse to participate in this study. If you decide to take part, you may choose to pull out of the study at any time without giving a reason or any penalty. By signing below, you give the Play Outside UBC lab at the BC Children's Hospital permission to use materials submitted, including photographs and audiovisual recordings ("Images/Recordings") as follows:

Providing consent assumes that:

- The study has been fully explained to you and all of your questions have been answered;
- You understand you are capturing materials including photographs or video recordings of your students during outdoor play time and these may be used for publication on <a href="https://outsideplay.ca">https://outsideplay.ca</a>. app, online posts, publications or presentations;
- You understand that your students' participation in this study is voluntary;
- You understand that you and your students' have the right not to take part in the study and the right to stop at any time;
- You understand that materials are not required to show students' faces and that
  personally identifiable information should not be included (for example, name tags or the
  name of the school). If materials submitted do include a child's face, your submission
  must include signed media consent from the guardian of each student who is visible in
  the submission; and,
- You have been informed of the potential risks and benefits of the study.

Participant's Signature	Date
Participant's Name	-
Please provide your preferred contact method t prior to public release:  Contact:	o review the use of materials in the BE OUT tool
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