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Dear parent

This email has been sent on to you by the Head of Service, Head Teacher, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (England & Wales), or the Additional Support for Learning Co-ordinator (Scotland) at your child's school because they have a record that your child has a hearing loss or identifies themselves as 'deaf'. We want to introduce to you a research project called the **READY study** (**R**ecording **E**merging **A**dulthood in **D**eaf **Y**outh) and offer your child the opportunity to take part if they wish. We are writing to you as the research team who are running the study but we do not have your address or contact details – this is why the letter has been passed to you via the school/SENCO.

The READY study is a 6 year research project about deaf young people between the ages of 16 and 23 years old. It is interested in the changes in deaf young people's lives from their point of view as they move between childhood and adulthood. The research is needed because very little is known about life-paths that deaf young people take as they become independent adults or about what helps them or makes it harder for them to succeed. The project is being conducted by the University of Manchester and the University of Edinburgh, who are working together on this, and it is funded by the National Deaf Children's Society. The project has been reviewed and approved by the University of Manchester Research Ethics Committee (Study Ref: 2019-4903-10668). The objective of the research is to provide information which helps improve services and opportunities for deaf young people in the future.

A version of this letter for your child is attached to this email as well. On our study website you can also find this letter in [British Sign Language and Sign Supported Spoken English](#).

If your child is interested in taking part in the study and wants to know more detailed information about it, please complete the electronic reply form. You will need to give us some contact details and by completing the reply form you give us permission to use these details to contact you with further information. The reply form also asks your child some simple questions about their age, deafness and where they live. This is so that we can check whether they are eligible for the study before we send you and them more information. **If your child fills in this reply form they are not committing themselves to taking part. They are only letting us know they might be interested and allowing us to check if they are eligible.**

If your child is under the age of 16 we need a reply form from both you as a parent and from them as a young person. If your child is over the age of 16 we only need a reply form from them.

If you want to talk about this letter, or want more information before you reply to us, you can:

email the study team on: READY@manchester.ac.uk

or phone us on: 07979 668178

or text us on: 07979 668178

You can also ask for this letter in **other spoken or written languages, including:**

Available in Polish - Dostępny w języku polskim

Available in Urdu - اردو میں دستیاب ہے

Available in Bangla - বাংলা পাওয়া যায় Bānlā pā'ōyā yāya

Available in Punjabi - ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਪਲਬਧ Pajābī vica upalabadha

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Claire Dodds [study co-ordinator- on behalf of the READY study team]

Please click here to go to the [online reply form and screening questions](#).