

FAQ 13: What are the ethical issues involved in researching children?

What's the issue?

With regard to research ethics when interviewing children, the most common issues raised in the introduction of interviews concern data confidentiality,

Our names are _____ and we are researchers at Goldsmiths College which is part of the University of London. We are interested in how children and adolescents get on with each other in and out of school. You do not have to answer this questionnaire, but we would be grateful if you did. Anything that you write will be treated as most confidential. You do not have to put your names on the questionnaire. Your teachers, the headteacher and your classmates will not be shown your answers. No one in the school will know what you write, so please answer truthfully. Please only turn over each page when you are told to do so.

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