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Dear parent/guardian,

Your child's school is participating in a research project about mathematics education in secondary schools. The project is following one group of pupils from Year 7 to Year 11 (or Year 13 if they continue into sixth form at this school) to help us understand pupils' feelings about maths including how much they enjoy maths and how they experience learning maths at school. Each year in a maths lesson, the pupils, who are now in Year 8, will be asked to complete a paper survey with some multiple-choice questions about maths at school. This should take under 10 minutes. The pupils will be told that they don't have to participate at all or can choose to leave some questions blank. This [information sheet](#) tells you more about the research.

To help us do the research, we will ask the school for a list of all the pupils in Year 8 (with their name, date of birth and pupil number). We will wait for two weeks to do this, so that you have time to decide if you would like to withdraw your child.

If you **do not** want your child to complete the survey, then complete this [withdrawal form](#).

If you are **okay** with your child completing the survey, then you do not need to do anything.

We will securely collect and store the children's responses and the list of pupils. We will destroy them when they are no longer needed. If you want to find a copy of anything we have sent you, you can find it on our website - just search for 'Maths Observatory'. If you have any questions about the research, then please telephone or email us.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

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