

CYBERSENGA PHASE FOUR TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT: PARENT CONSENT FORM FOR CHILD PARTICIPATION

Background/ Purpose

Your child is one of 10 students being asked to take part in the study about computer use among adolescents in Mbarara. The study will help us learn how well students are able to use the computer. It also will help us learn what skills we can teach students to use the computer and Internet better.

Procedures

The study will take place at the CyberSenga study office. We will provide transport to the office. We will ask your child to do things on the computer, such as start the computer, use the mouse and the key board to type and point at different programmes, open up a software program or the Internet. At the end, we will ask your child to do a short survey that asks questions about him or herself and things he or she likes to do. The study will take about 1 hour.

Risks and Discomforts

The risks of participating in the study are low. It is possible that your child might feel frustrated if he or she is having trouble doing one of the computer tasks we ask him or her to do. If this happens, your child can (a) take a rest or (b) stop completely.

Benefits

This research will help us create a website that will help prevent the spread of HIV among youth. There is no benefit to your child to take part in this study.

Compensation

Your child shall not be paid to participate in the study. He or she shall receive one hour of free Internet time or an equivalent of a free cell phone airtime card, depending on his or her choice.

Confidentiality

Only researchers will be able to see your child's answers. Your child's name will not be used in any reports or articles we publish. We will not tell you, your child's teachers at school, or anyone else what your child says during the Council meetings.

All computer files will be protected with a password. This will protect your child's privacy.

It is possible that your child's privacy will be broken. We will do everything we can to prevent this.

Rights of Refusal and Withdrawal

Your child's participation in this study is voluntary. You have the right to not allow your child to participate. Your child has the right to refuse to take part in the study, even if you say it is fine.

You and your child can change your minds about taking part in the study at any time, including during the study. The decision to not take part in the study will not change your child's marks in school or any future medical care.

Questions and Contact Numbers

If you don't understand something, or if you want more information, please ask now or contact the study coordinator at any time.

If you have questions about the study, you may contact Dennis Nabembezi, the Study Coordinator on telephone number: 0772 568 359 or you may visit him at the study offices located at Internet Solutions for Kids-Uganda, Plot 97, Stanley Road , Kashaka building , Second floor .Next to Stanbic Bank Mbarara branch.

If you have questions about your child's rights as a research subject, you may call Emmanuel Kyagaba, Chairman of the Institutional Ethical Review Committee of Mbarara University of Science and Technology on telephone number 0772 485-21387.

Signatures

I have read/been read this information, and I understand the purpose of my child's participation in the study. I have had the opportunity to ask questions, and questions that I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction.

I understand that my child's participation is voluntary. I consent to allow my child to participate in the study, and understand that I or my child has the right to withdraw at any time.

I will allow my child to take part in the study.

Signature of the Parent/Guardian

Date