

Informed consent for research involving minors

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am a student under the direction of Jamie Gillman in the School of Life Sciences and Education with Staffordshire University. I am conducting a research study to investigate the effect of social support and coaching relationships on junior tennis performance. Your son or daughter's participation in this study will involve completing six questionnaires ranging from 4 to 16 questions each. They will be required to read each statement and select the most appropriate response. This should take approximately 15-20 minutes, and can be saved and returned to later if they want to take a break.

There are no expected risks involved in the participation of the study, however, your child is free to refuse to commence the study or withdraw at any time in the proceedings, and no reason needs to be provided. The results of the research study may be published, but your child's name will not be used and no individual identifying information will be provided.

Although there may be no direct benefit to your child, there is a benefit of participation and contributing to research. Your child's participation will improve our knowledge about stress responses to pressure situations in junior tennis players, and how these may be improved through addressing the quality of their supportive and coaching relationships. Following completion of the study, I would be happy to share the results if requested (with data remaining anonymous).

If you have any questions concerning the research or participation in this study, please contact me on d021357i@student.staffs.ac.uk or my supervisor (Jamie Gillman) on jamie.gillman@staffs.ac.uk.

Sincerely,

Pippa Downes

I have read the above informed consent. The nature, demands, risks and benefits of the dissertation have been explained to me. I give consent for my child to participate in the above study. I understand that I or my child may withdraw consent and discontinue participation at any time without penalty, loss or benefit.

Parent's signature **Date.....**

If you have any questions about your child's rights as a participant in this research, you can contact the research supervisor (details above).

I certify that I have explained to the above parent the nature and purpose, the potential benefits and possible risks associated with participation in this research study. I have answered any questions that have been raised, and the signature above was submitted electronically.

Researcher's signature P Downes..... Date 16/06/2020
