**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET: LEARNER**



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Dear learner

I am Shungu Mupfawa and I am a PhD student in the Faculty of Education at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. I am doing a study to figure out the kind of conversations that take place between teachers and learners during genetics lessons in South African classrooms. I am asking you to take part in the research study because your teacher recommended you for this project*.*

For this research, I would like to invite you to take part by allowing me to video record you as I observe three of your teacher’s normal lessons on genetics which will be 35-45 minutes. I will keep all your participation and the video recordings private. The video recordings will be stored in a password protected computer.

You will not receive any direct benefits from participating in this research, and there are no disadvantages for not participating. I do not think that any big problems will happen to you as part of this study. You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to. You won’t get into any trouble with the University of Witwatersrand, your teacher, or your school if you say no. You may stop being in the study at any time or request not to be video recorded. The lesson observations will be private as I will not be asking for your name and the information on the video recordings will be held securely and not disclosed to anyone else. I will be using a false name to represent your participation in my final research report.

If you have any questions during or afterwards about this research, feel free to contact me or my supervisor on the details listed below. This study will be written up as a research report which will be available online through the university library website. If you have any concerns or complaints regarding the ethical procedures of this study, you are welcome to contact the University Human Research Ethics Committee (Non-Medical), telephone +27(0) 11 717 1408, email [Shaun.Schoeman@wits.ac.za](mailto:Shaun.Schoeman@wits.ac.za)

Yours sincerely,

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