# Consent for Participation - Habib University

Dear Parent.

We are a team of students from <u>Habib University</u>. We are working on a study to understand the challenges children face in learning, and getting help for academics, especially for learning difficulties like Dyslexia.

We would love to have a **short interview** on a phone call with you. The interview may be recorded (with your consent) but it will not be shared with anyone. All information of you and your child (e.g. name, diagnosis) will be kept strictly private and confidential. Your involvement is voluntary, and you may choose to discontinue at any time.

This study is led by <u>Tasmiya Malik</u>, Habib University. The faculty supervisor for this study is Dr. Neelma Bhatti, Habib University.

* Indicates required question		
1.	As a parent/guardian/professional, you are willing to participate in an interview (~15 minutes) to help us understand your experience with learning difficulties.	*
	Check all that apply.	
	Yes	
	□ No	
2.	May we record the interview for research purposes? Your privacy will be maintained.	*
	Mark only one oval.	
	Yes	
	No	

3.	Participant Name *
4.	Contact Number (WhatsApp) *

# More About the Project

# **Risks and discomforts**

There are no major risks anticipated in this study, and the confidentiality of the participants will be maintained to best of our abilities. Moreover, we will keep the interview recordings collected for 1 year or until published, in which case the publishers' data policy will be implemented.

#### **Benefits**

On a larger scale, information from this research may benefit children, teachers and parents in the future as it may allow child development to be assessed better and be able to identify the learning style that suits a child for best results.

# Incentives for participation

Participants will not receive any compensation for being in the study.

## **Privacy/Confidentiality/Data Security**

Participant privacy and confidentiality will be maintained throughout this study.

- We will not share participant information like name, ID, address etc. that may be used to identify them.
- All interviews will be accessed only by the research team.
- We will keep the interviews recorded for 1 year or until published, in which case the publishers' data policy will be implemented.

#### **Sharing De-identified Data Collected in this Research.**

De-identified insights collected from this study may be shared with the research community at large to advance science and health. We will remove or code any personal information that could identify you before files are shared with other researchers to ensure that, by current scientific standards and known methods, no one will be able to identify you from the information we share. The researchers will make maximum effort to protect and maintain the anonymity of the participants.

#### **Future use of Identifiable Data or Specimens Collected in this Research.**

Your information will not be used or distributed for future research studies.

#### Taking part is voluntary.

The participant (parent's) involvement is voluntary, and you may choose to discontinue at any time.

#### Follow up studies.

We may contact you again to request your participation in a follow up study. As always, your participation will be voluntary, and we will ask for your explicit consent to participate in any of the

follow up studies.

## If you have questions

The main researcher conducting this study is Tasmiya Malik, an undergraduate student at Habib University. Please ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, you may contact Hana at tm06183@st.habib.edu.pk or at 03121210823.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a subject in this study, you may contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for Human Participants at <a href="mailto:irb@habib.edu.pk">irb@habib.edu.pk</a>.

Participants may be given a copy of this form as per request.

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