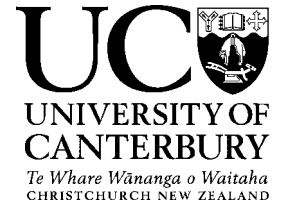


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## **Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA): An implementation study Information Sheet for Parents/Caregivers/Whānau**

Professor Gail Gillon and Professor Brigid McNeill from the University of Canterbury are leading a study on the Better Start Literacy Approach, which your child's school is using this year. The full research team is listed here: <https://betterstartapproach.com/about/our-team>

Your child's teacher will use an online tool to check their progress in language and reading. The results will be used in a research database to see if the program is working.

No names or personal details will be shared. Only general information like test scores, school area, age, gender, ethnicity, if English is their second language, and if they get extra learning support will be included.

No one will be able to trace the information back to your child.

All students' anonymous data will be used in the study unless you choose to opt out.

If you do not want your child's data included, you have two options:

1. tell your child's teacher
2. email the research team at [askbsla@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:askbsla@canterbury.ac.nz).

Your child will still do the tests, but their results won't be part of the research.

The Ministry of Education has approved this opt-out process. Saying no will not affect your or your child's relationship with the school or the Ministry of Education.

The anonymous data will be securely stored for 10 years before being deleted. It will be used for reports to the Ministry of Education and in research publications and presentations on the program's impact.

This project has been reviewed and approved by the University of Canterbury Human Ethics Committee, and any complaints should be sent to The Chair, Human Ethics Committee, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch ([human-ethics@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:human-ethics@canterbury.ac.nz)).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Professor Gillon or Professor McNeill for further information.

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