Child Computer Interaction group

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**Participation in Research Study**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Child Computer Interaction Group at the University of Central Lancashire is pleased to invite pupils to participate in a research study investigating a new way of social communication with a focus on mood and light. The study will involve use of coloured light and technology in order to see what happens when teenagers are communicating their mood to friends using coloured lights, LCD screens and a mobile app. The study will last 20-40 minutes and the results will be published at academic venues such as conferences and journals. No personal information or information that may identify individual as participants in the study will be collected. During and after these interactivity experiments, teenagers will be given an opportunity to suggest ideas for future design solutions. Feedback will be taken during and after these experiments. No information about IQ etc. will be gathered – the only information taken about teenagers will be about their own observation regarding their mood, behavior, feelings while they were playing with the interactive device and mobile app. They will also be asked for their age and gender. We hope this will be an enjoyable experience for all pupils that will also give them the opportunity to make a difference to the development of new technologies for young people. If you want to know more about the day please contact Dr Janet Read at JCRead@UCLan.ac.uk

We also want to bring to your notice that pictures may be taken during the event and may be used for research and/or publicity purposes. However, adequate measures will be taken to ensure that your child’s identity is protected i.e. any picture accidentally containing your child’s name or showing your child’s face would be deleted/destroyed.

If you are happy for your child to participate in the research study and potentially be photographed in a way that does not reveal their identity, please fill out the consent form below and return it to school.

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**Name of Child……………………………………………………**

*I am happy for my child to participate in the research study\**

*I request that my child does not participate in the research study\**

\*Tick one choice only

**Parent / Guardian signature**……………………………………………**Date**………………