



Cologne,
04/09/2020

Dear parents,

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, our study "Social Integration in Adolescence" (SOCIALBOND) will not be taking place in your child's school this year, but will be conducted instead as an online survey. With your consent, we will contact the pupils by e-mail for this purpose. More information on the survey can be found on the following pages.

We need a completed Parental Declaration from you in order for your child to participate. In the Parental Declaration, you can specify whether your child may participate in the online survey. Pupils will also have the opportunity to participate in an extended survey in which they will have to repeatedly respond to some short questions online on their smartphone.

For each completed Parental Declaration, we will donate €5 to your child's class fund (regardless of how you decide).

Please complete the Parental Declaration on page 3. Please give your child the completed Parental Declaration to bring to school. We would be delighted if your child could participate in the survey!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can reach us by e-mail at socialbond@wiso.uni-koeln.de.

Thank you very much for your support!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Kroneberg".

Professor Clemens Kroneberg



“Social Integration in Adolescence” (SOCIALBOND) Information Sheet

This year, your child's school is once again participating in our **study “Social Integration in Adolescence” (SOCIALBOND)**, funded by the European Research Council.

What is it about?

The aim of the study is to improve our comprehension of the social and educational integration of adolescents.

- When do adolescents feel part of their local and school community?
- What influences their trust in each other and in relation to social institutions?
- How do friendships develop across groups and when do conflicts occur increasingly between peers? How is social cohesion formed?

Course of study

As part of our project, we will be interviewing all pupils in your child's class/year at school. The online survey takes about 30 minutes. We will contact the pupils by e-mail for this purpose.

Pupils will also have the opportunity to participate in an extended survey in which they will have to repeatedly respond to some short questions online on their smartphone. This survey is divided into eight mini-surveys, each of which only takes approx. 2 minutes. Over a period of four weeks, pupils will be able to communicate how they experience their daily lives. Questions will be asked about such issues as friendship, family and free time. It will also involve political opinions or religious beliefs. Finally, we will ask for some general information about the person, such as gender, age and ethnic origin.

Of course, all **data protection** rules will be observed and all information of the participating pupils will be **treated as strictly confidential**. Responses from individual pupils will not be reported in the results of the study. Results will **only be published anonymously**. It will therefore be impossible to subsequently find out who participated in the survey. All procedures were subject to in-depth reviews by the Data Protection Officer and the Ethics Committee of the University of Cologne. For more information, see the *Data Protection Declaration*.

Participation

It is important for the validity of the study that as many pupils as possible participate. Your child can only participate if you both agree to it. We therefore kindly ask for your consent. Participation is voluntary and may be discontinued at any time without giving reasons and without adverse effects.

Thank you gifts

As a small thank you gift for your support, we will donate €5 for school purposes (e.g. to your child's class fund) for each pupil with a completed Parental Declaration. In addition, each pupil will receive an Amazon voucher worth up to €15 if they participate in the extended online survey.



“Social Integration in Adolescence” (SOCIALBOND) Data Protection Declaration

General Information

The research team guarantees a high level of data security and strict compliance with all data protection regulations. Our procedure was reviewed by the Data Protection Officer and the Ethics Committee of the University of Cologne. It complies with national and European legislation, including the German Federal Data Protection Act and the Data Protection Act North Rhine-Westphalia. Participation in the study is voluntary. It also requires parental consent. Participation may be discontinued at any time without giving reasons and without adverse effects. We would like to make it clear to you below as to how we guarantee the confidentiality of information and data protection.

School and Internet-based Surveys

The study will include the survey of approx. 3,000 students at approx. 40 secondary schools in North Rhine-Westphalia. The survey will only be conducted in schools where the school management has expressly consented to participation. The study will be conducted by the research team via online surveys. Only secure servers of the University of Cologne will be used for this purpose. An overview of the data processing steps can be found here.

Storage of Obtained Data

The survey data will be stored by the research team. The highest security standards apply in this case and comply with all security requirements of federal data protection. Personal data (e.g. the names of the respondents) will be processed and managed strictly spatially separated from the survey data at all stages of the research project. This will ensure that any statistical analysis of the survey data will be conducted only on the basis of completely pseudonymised data. In particular, the names and contact information of the pupils will never be linked to survey data. The separate storage of personal data will take place solely in order to be able to delete survey data if respondents withdraw their consent, in order to be able to assign survey data from repeated surveys to each other and to contact respondents for the purpose of participating in the online survey. The survey data will be evaluated for research purposes at the end of the study. The contact details will be completely deleted at the end of the study.

Use of Survey Data

The survey data will only be used for scientific purposes. Data will not be passed on to third parties or to persons or institutions not involved in the study. All results of the study will only be presented anonymously, i.e. they will not contain any information that contains references to the surveyed persons.

Data Protection Obligation

The persons involved in the implementation and evaluation of the study are obliged to provide signed confirmation of their compliance with strict data protection. To inspect the declarations, please send an e-mail to socialbond@wiso.uni-koeln.de.

Inspection and Deletion of Data

On request, you can receive information at any time about your personal data stored by us (including the free provision of a copy) and have it deleted. We will be happy to correct any incorrect information (e.g. if you change your phone number). As part of our university supervision, there is also an inspection option by representatives of the Ethics Committee of the University of Cologne. Upon completion of the research, all personal data will be deleted. You can revoke your declaration of participation at any time and without adverse effects, without affecting the legitimacy of the processing performed with consent until the revocation. You or your child may also request the deletion of the survey data obtained about your child. If you would like to do so, you can use the project's email address: socialbond@wiso.uni-koeln.de. The survey data will be completely anonymised at the end of the project, thus precluding assignment to individual persons.

Monitoring of Data Protection Regulations

Compliance with data protection regulations by the research team will be monitored by the Data Protection Officer of the University of Cologne, Mr. Alexander May. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact him:

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There is also the right to complain to the relevant data protection supervisory authority:

State Commissioner for the Protection of Data and Freedom of Information
North Rhine-Westphalia, P.O. Box 20 04 44, 40102
Düsseldorf, Germany
Tel.: +49 (0)211 384240, E-mail: poststelle@ldi.nrw.de

Information on Changes

You and the respondents will be informed in good time of any changes and important information in the course of the project.

Statistical Analysis and Contact Persons

The statistical analysis will be conducted by the research team. If you have any questions about the project or data protection, please don't hesitate to contact us at any time:

Project implementation:

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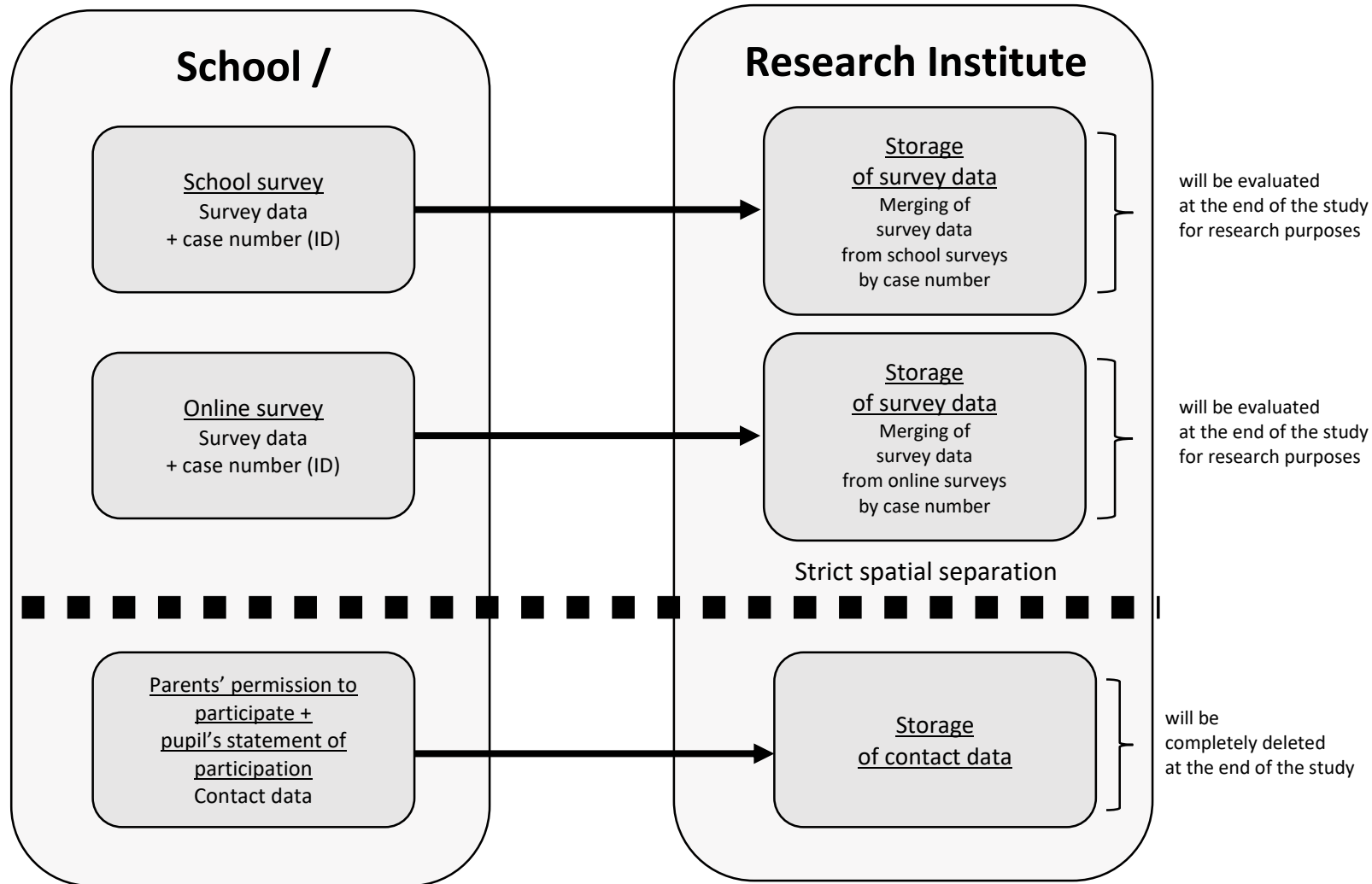
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For more information on our study, see:

www.socialbond-project.com



“Social Integration in Adolescence” (SOCIALBOND) Course of Study



“Social Integration in Adolescence” (SOCIALBOND) Parental Declaration

-Please tick-

With respect to the simple online survey of the study “SOCIALBOND”:

My child may participate.

My child may not participate.

With respect to the smartphone survey of the study “SOCIALBOND”:

My child may participate.

My child may not participate.

-Please complete legibly and in BLOCK CAPITALS-

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Surname of daughter / son

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First name of daughter / son

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E-mail address of daughter / son