

Participation in: **Children and young people's use and experience with social apps and gaming**

This is a request for consent for your child to participate in a survey in connection with the «Elevundersøkelsen»: *Children and young people's use and experience with social apps and gaming*. This is an extension of the Elevundersøkelsen that NTNU Social Research carries out on behalf of the Directorate of Education (Utdanningsdirektoratet - Udir). The main purpose of the survey is to gain more knowledge about what and how much children and young people experience inclusion and exclusion online (special focus on social apps (social media) and in gaming) and whether what happens online affects school related issues (e.g., motivation and well-being in school).

Who is responsible for the research project?

NTNU Social Research is responsible for the survey, and the work is financed by the Norwegian Directorate of Education.

Why is your child being asked to participate?

You will be asked to consent on behalf of your child in the 7th or 10th grade. All parents of pupils at these levels in your municipality receive this request.

What does participating mean for you?

If you consent to your child participating in the survey, your child will answer an online survey during school hours. We do not collect personal data beyond gender and stage, so no information can be traced back to the child.

We ask about the students' use of social apps and gaming, time spent, what they have experienced on social apps/gaming, whether they feel that they are included/excluded. In addition, they are asked some questions about teacher and parent support in school work, about belonging, well-being and school motivation.

The research group will not know names or other information about the children who answer, but will only have access to anonymised data. In publications, we will not write names, schools or any personal information about those who participate. Analyzes will be used in publications with descriptions at municipal level.

Participation is voluntary

Participation in the project is voluntary. If you consent to your child participating, you can withdraw your consent at any time without giving any reason, as long as your child can be identified in the data material. All information about the student will then be anonymised. There will be no negative consequences for you or the student if you do not want to consent to participation, or later choose to withdraw. Participation is also voluntary for the students, which means that if the student does not want to answer, this will not have any negative consequences for the student.

Your privacy-how we store and use your information

We will only use the information for the purposes we have described in this article. We treat the information confidentially and in accordance with the privacy regulations.

- *Only the project participants at NTNU Social Research will have access to the data, and the data will be anonymised before being sent to the research group*

- *No answers and analyzes will be able to be traced back to individuals in the publication of the findings*

What happens to your information when we end the research project?

The project is scheduled to end in November 2023.

Your rights

As long as your child can be identified in the data material, you have the right to:

- access to which personal data is registered
- to have personal data corrected,
- have personal data deleted,
- be given a copy of personal data (data portability), and
- to send a complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner or the Norwegian Data Protection Authority about the processing of personal data.

What gives us the right to process data about you?

We process information about you and your child/youth based on your consent. In this survey, we do not collect personal data.

Where can I find out more?

If you have questions about the study, or wish to make use of your rights, please contact:

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Sincerely,



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