

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

There was a presentation at school today on "SHARE"- Scottish Health Research Register. Children and all parents are being invited to consider joining SHARE. There are currently 160,000 volunteers registered throughout Scotland.

SHARE, is a register of anyone in Scotland aged 11 and above who would like to help Medical research. This could be anything from a simple online survey about your opinion on research related issues or a study where you may have to visit the local hospital. However, you choose what you wish to participate in; there is no obligation to take part. You can say no thank you at any time.

The SHARE Register is for everyone, regardless of your health. SHARE needs healthy volunteers as well as anyone with a health issue. Everyone over 11 is invited.

Joining the SHARE register also means that left-over blood, which is normally thrown away after routine blood tests, can be stored and used to help in genetic research. You or your child will not be asked to donate any additional blood for this. This register is only to make use of left-over samples following a routine blood test at your GP or in the hospital. As explained in the information leaflet, you can also withdraw your consent for this at any time and your stored sample will be destroyed.

By participating in this register you will help with genetic research into the causes of various diseases and also into the reasons why people react differently to medical treatments. This is why NHS Scotland, supports the SHARE register. **Please note, your child will only be contacted through you** until they reach 16. This is why your details are required on their form.

Should your child wish to join the register, they can sign up online at [www.registerforshare.org](http://www.registerforshare.org) or please complete the brochure, tear off the completed portion, and return the leaflet back by freepost or hand back to the head teacher. Alternatively you can call the numbers below, and request the SHARE Team to register you. Please take time to read and understand the information.

Parents/ Guardians you can sign up too! Please feel free to contact us via details below for further information. Or please use the adult leaflets included in the pack. You can post the leaflets individually as they are freepost (no stamp required) please follow instructions for sealing the form.

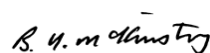
For further information please contact the SHARE team by telephone on 01382383230/ 383471 or by email [share@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:share@dundee.ac.uk)

Thank you very much for considering this request.

Yours faithfully,



Professor Colin Palmer



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