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Dear Professor Lawrence

Thank you for your application to conduct research on Department of Education sites. The focus and outcomes of your research project, *Pilot of a whole school mindfulness approach in schools*, are of interest to the Department.

I give permission for you to approach principals to invite their participation in the project as outlined in your application and in subsequent communication.

This permission is subject to the following conditions.

1. A copy of this letter must be provided to principals when requesting their participation in the research.
2. Participation in your research project will be the decision of the schools invited to participate, individual staff members, the children in those schools and their parents.
3. Once identified with the Principal, potential school or year level student data will need to be requested and approved for use through the System and School Performance Directorate at the email address below. Requested data sets must be specified and include an explanation about how they will be used/analysed to address the research aims in the pilot study and potentially in the RCT.
4. All research activities are to be conducted in compliance with all relevant COVID-19 restrictions in place in WA at that time.
5. Researchers are required to sign a confidential declaration and provide a current Working with Children Check upon arrival at Department of Education schools.
6. Any proposed changes to the research project are to be submitted for Department approval prior to implementation.
7. Upon conclusion the results of this study are to be forwarded to the Department at the email address below.

Responsibility for quality control of ethics and methodology of the proposed research resides with the institution supervising the research. The Department notes a copy of a letter confirming that you have received ethical approval of your research protocol from The University of Western Australia Human Ethics Office.

Please contact Ms Bev Vickers, Principal Evaluation Officer, on (08) 9264 5512 or at researchandpolicy@education.wa.edu.au if you have further enquiries.

Very best wishes for the successful completion of your project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Dodson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan Dodson
Director, System and School Performance

2 February 2022