

Research Ethics Approval Process

Principles underpinning educational research at City of Bristol College

The Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS) through in-depth consultation with its member learned societies (including BERA) have established some principles of ethical research:

- a. Social science is fundamental to a democratic society, and should be inclusive of different interests, values, funders, methods and perspectives.
- b. All social science should respect the privacy, autonomy, diversity, values and dignity of individuals, groups and communities.
- c. All social science should be conducted with integrity throughout, employing the most appropriate methods for the research purpose.
- d. All social scientists should act with regard to their social responsibilities in conducting and disseminating their research.
- e. All social science should aim to maximise benefit and minimise harm.

Responsibilities of those conducting educational research at City of Bristol College

Please note that the recent [BERA 2018](#) ethical guidelines emphasise the following:

Please note that in accordance with these principles and responsibilities:

1. As a general rule you must obtain **full informed consent** from all participants



END DATE	
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Student Signature	Date

Document checklist for submission

I have completed and include relevant documents for submission.



SECTION C – Review and decision.

Supervising Tutor and moderator use only:

Decision on ethics form

Pass	You can now start your research with continued supervision	
Conditional pass	You can start your research when you meet the following conditions:	
Redraft the form and resubmit		