



## INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDY

### “ZICHT OP ONDERINSTROOM”

Dear parents/ guardians

- **Why do I receive this information?**

**Your child is currently attending a school for special (primary) education (S(B)O), or has recently attended it.** Before your child could enter the S(B)O, a declaration of admissibility (TLV) was requested. The University of Groningen, together with the school boards and the partnerships Passend Primair onderwijs, will anonymously use data from this TLV application for scientific research. Through this letter we would like to inform you about this research and give you the opportunity to ask questions about the research.

- **Why this research?**

**The aim of this research is to gain more insight into young children (from the age of 4) who enter special (primary) education (onderinstroom) and whether this has changed in recent years.**

'Mainstream, if possible, special if necessary', that is the motto of Appropriate Education. An important goal of Appropriate Education is to find a suitable educational place for every child. We still have little insight into the characteristics and needs of children who enter special (primary) education at an early age. This early inflow is also called *onderinstroom*.

- **What do we ask of you during the research?**

**Nothing is expected of you or your child during the research. You don't have to do anything.**

For the aforementioned research, we will use anonymous data already collected during the application for a declaration of admissibility. Anonymous means that the data cannot be traced back to you or your child.

- **What does participation involve?**

**Participation in the study will not have any direct consequences for you as a parent/carer or for your child.** Indirectly, the research may provide new knowledge for the researchers. This knowledge can help school boards find the right place to teach. In addition, it can provide tools for regular primary schools or schools for special (primary) education for designing their education. Your child could potentially benefit from the latter.

- **How do we handle your data?**

**Data from the partnerships' monitoring system will first be made pseudonymous. As a result, all data is anonymous and secure.**

In a link file, the names of each child will be stored with a corresponding unique research number. This number cannot be traced back to the identity of your child. Subsequently, the partnerships only share data from the TLV application that are necessary for the purpose of the research. The data is shared via a secure environment. Processing of the data and reporting is done under the responsibility of the University of Groningen. Data used for reporting cannot be



traced back to individual participants. The research data, as stored under the assigned code, will be kept for 10 years in accordance with the data management protocol of the Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences and will only be accessible to the research team.

○ **What else do you need to know?**

**You can always ask questions about the research: now, during the research, and afterwards. This can be done by emailing one of the researchers involved (dr. Erica Kamphorst via [e.kamphorst@rug.nl](mailto:e.kamphorst@rug.nl)) or calling (06-31984987)**

If you do not want your child's TLV data to be used for this research, you can object. You can do this by sending an email to [e.kamphorst@rug.nl](mailto:e.kamphorst@rug.nl) no later than the first of May, 2023. Please mention 'Objection Onderinstroom' in the subject of the email.

Do you have questions/concerns about your rights as a research participant or the execution of the study? You can also contact the Ethics Committee on Behavioural and Social Sciences of the University of Groningen: [ec-bss@rug.nl](mailto:ec-bss@rug.nl).

Do you have questions or concerns about how your personal data is handled? You can also contact the Data Protection Officer of the University of Groningen: [privacy@rug.nl](mailto:privacy@rug.nl).

*As a research participant, you are entitled to a copy of this research information.*

Best regards,  
dr. Erica Kamphorst