LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Dear Sir/Madam,

Flinders University is undertaking a research on understanding South Australian primary grades 5 to 7 students’ general performance in completing decimals tasks which involve a wide range of different but interrelated mathematical concepts.

I hold the position of Lecturer (Mathematics Education) in the School of Education at Flinders University, and I will be supervising over the course of this research.

I would like to invite you to assist with this project by consenting to your child completing a decimal numbers written test. The test will be administered collectively in your child’s classroom in the school. No more than 45 minutes on one occasion would be required.

Be assured that any information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and none of the participants will be individually identifiable in the report or other publications. You are, of course, entirely free to discontinue your participation at any time or to decline to answer particular questions.

Any enquiries you may have concerning this project should be directed to me at the address given above or by telephone on 8201 2829 or by email (mune.nel@flinders.edu.au).

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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This research project has been approved by the Flinders University Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee (Project number: 6289). For more information regarding ethical approval of the project the Executive Officer of the Committee can be contacted by telephone on 8201 3116, by facsimile on 8201 2035 or by email human.researchethics@flinders.edu.au