

INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Participant,

My name is Bernie O’ Donoghue and I am currently undertaking a PhD at the University of Limerick under the supervision of Dr Patrick Johnson. The title of my proposed research is: *An Investigation into Literacy and Numeracy for Second Level Mathematics Teaching in Ireland.* The purpose of this study is to explore descriptions and definitions of literacy and numeracy for the second level mathematics classroom in Ireland and to facilitate the translation of these into the practice of teaching, learning and assessment of mathematics at second level.

**Who can take part?**

Students currently enrolled on a Professional Masters of Education programme who are at least eighteen years old.

**What will I have to do?**

You will have to attend classes in literacy and numeracy for second level mathematics teaching. Information will be collected from you by audio-recording individual and group activities, conducting interviews, completing surveys and assessments.

**What happens to the information?**

The information generated is stored safely by the researchers, and will only be viewed by the

researchers. All audio recordings will be destroyed once the study has been completed. Information given in the study may be quoted in academic and published work. No personal or identifying information will be given by the researchers in any academic or published work. Any information used in reports and publications relating to an individual will be kept anonymous (e.g. ‘Pre-service Teacher A’).

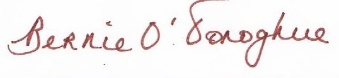
**What if I do not wish to take part?**

Participation in the study is voluntary, and you may withdraw at any stage.

**What if I have more questions or do not understand something?**

If you have further questions regarding this research please feel free to get in touch with either myself or my supervisor using the email addresses listed below. If you have concerns about this study and wish to contact someone independent, you may contact: The Chair, Faculty of Science and Engineering Research Ethics Committee, University of Limerick, Limerick. Tel: 061 202802

Yours sincerely,



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CONSENT FORM

**Consent Section**:

I, the undersigned, declare that I am willing to take part in research for the project entitled: “**An Investigation into Literacy and Numeracy for Second Level Mathematics Teaching in Ireland”.**

* I declare that I have been fully briefed on the nature of this study and my role in it and have been given the opportunity to ask questions before agreeing to participate.
* The nature of my participation has been explained to me and I have full knowledge of how the information collected will be used.
* I am also aware that my participation in this study may be recorded (audio) and I agree to this. However, should I feel uncomfortable at any time I can request that the recording equipment be switched off. I am entitled to copies of transcripts of my recordings on request, the recordings will be destroyed once the study is completed.I fully understand that there is no obligation on me to participate in this study
* I fully understand that I am free to withdraw my participation at any time without having to explain or give a reason
* I am also entitled to full confidentiality in terms of my participation and personal details

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Signature of participant Date