



# Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 10 Child Development - Parenting Manikin consent.**

In order to provide Year 10 Child Development students with a realistic idea of the demands of parenting, your child will be participating in a parenting simulation project, which involves caring for a lifelike electronic parenting manikin.

Your child will be responsible for providing proper care as if it were a real baby. The manikin should be with them at all times, except in emergency situations, when a reliable babysitter should be utilised. Please note that the manikin will cry periodically throughout the day and the night.

In order for this to be a positive learning experience for your child, we ask for your support in helping to monitor student participation while they are at home. Your insistence that they are responsible for their manikin will help to impress upon them the tremendous demands that a baby places on a parent's time, energy and social life.

We are fortunate enough to have been able to purchase these interactive parenting manikins. The manikin is an educational tool, and not a toy, and is intended for use by children over 12 years of age. With proper care the manikin should last many years. **Your child will be responsible for any damage that occurs as a result of abusive handling or for the loss of the manikin.**

With regards to the current COVID19 situation the manikin will only be used by the Year 10 class and when issued to them they alone should handle it and return it using the zipped rucksack that is provided. On its return the manikin will not be handled for 72 hours after which the baby clothes will be washed at 60 C before the baby can be re-issued to another Year 10 student.

Thank you for your support during this valuable parenting simulation project. Please sign the below permission slip and return it to me by **Monday 28 September 2020** to allow your daughter to have a manikin slot.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Lewis  
DT/Child Development

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**Parenting Manikin - parental consent to be returned to the DT Department by  
Monday 28 September.**

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ TUTOR GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I give my child permission to participate in the interactive child simulation using the manikin and  
**I understand that my child is financially responsible for any damage or loss of the educational  
simulator.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer