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Participant (Child's) Information Sheet for a Study on Children's Connection to Nature and Pro-Environmental Behaviour

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Hello,

I would like to tell you about my University study on children like you and their feelings and relationship around nature. I am curious to hear your opinion because programmes like Sustainable Coastlines' would like to know if children enjoy outdoor activities like planting trees and doing beach clean ups. If children don't enjoy being outside then we would like to know why.

I am asking New Zealand children (age 8-12) like you to be a part of this research. Surveys, (approximately 10-15 minutes), and interviews (approximately 5 minutes) will form the basis of this study. You will be asked to do a survey during class. If your class is planting trees with Sustainable Coastlines' then you may be asked some questions while you plant trees. It is completely your choice to participate in this research. Just tell us or your teacher on the day of the programme that you don't want to participate and we won't ask you any questions and you can still plant trees!

The information that you provide during the survey and or the interview will be kept private, even from your teachers! I won't even ask your name. For these reasons it will not be possible to connect you with this study.

This study may be published and may be presented at conferences or by Sustainable Coastlines on their website, www.sustainablecoastlines.org

If you want to ask me any questions at all, please have your parents call me at 027 342 7963 or email me at sarastuart@vuw.ac.nz.

Kia Ora and thank you so much for reading this. I look forward to seeing you soon at school.

Cheers, Sara