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Dear Parents /Carers,

This is a quick update about the project: 'Voices in a Pandemic: Children's Lockdown Experiences Applied to Recovery' (VIP-CLEAR) that your child's class was involved in last year. This project is run by researchers from UWE Bristol, and will be continuing into the school year 2021-22.

Aim of the project: The project explores children's understanding and experiences during the response to the COVID-19 pandemic - to support their involvement in recovery.

Participating schools: We have been delighted to work with children 3-11 years from:

Filton Avenue Primary School, Glenfrome Primary School, Hartcliffe Children's Centre, May Park Primary School, Parkwall Primary School and Speedwell Nursery School and Children's Centre.

The project team: Your child will be familiar with some of the team who have been into school to run art-based activities. These include:



Luci Gorell Barnes



Amanda Webber



Lindsey McEwen



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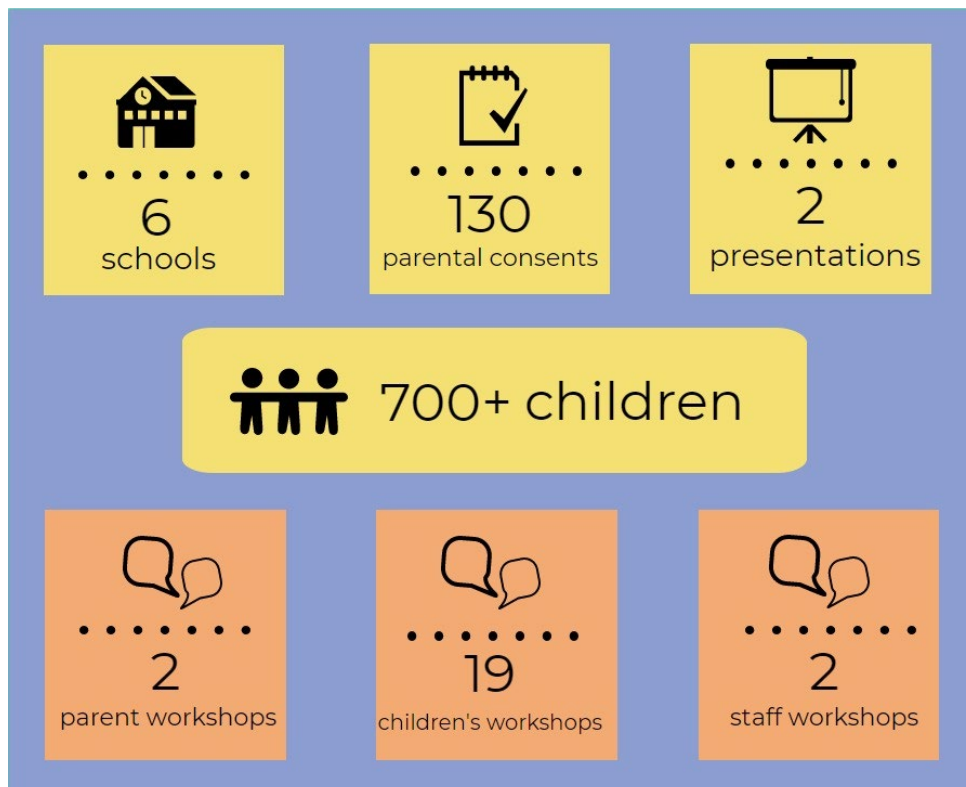


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So far, we have worked with an amazing 700 children across our 6 schools. The children were really engaged and seemed to enjoy the opportunity to take part in arts activities, creating maps and working with photographs to express their experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns. 130 parents have given their consent for their children's work to be part of the research project and we are now in the process of analysing those children's pieces of art.



Between now and the winter holidays, we hope to work with your child/ren's classes again and use arts-based activities to explore young people's visions of the future. We will share more information as the term progresses. If you have any questions, or wish to find out more, please visit our website (www.vip-clear.org) or contact Amanda Webber (amanda.webber@uwe.ac.uk).