

Anonymity – Keeping Information Safe

Aim: To explain that when we are involved in research, we might be asked to share information about ourselves. But we might want to keep some information about ourselves private.

Resources:

- ☐ Padlock (real or use our picture)
- ☐ Information ideas written on paper
- ☐ A hat



How to:

1. Pull pieces of information out of a hat.
2. Is this something it would be safe for anyone to know about you? Discuss as a group.
3. Sort the information examples into piles to show which information they would choose to share or not. Use the open and closed padlocks to represent these groups. This can be done individually or as a group.

Information ideas:

 Your address	 Your hair colour
 Your favourite colour	 Your favourite biscuit
 Your phone number	 Your full name

Extensions:

1. Repeat the activity with information that may be collected in your research – how will you keep this information safe?
2. If you will anonymise information, use this activity to discuss this (e.g. we will ask for your name, but we won't tell anyone else your name – you can make up a code name, a bit like a spy).