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20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Evidencing Creative Thinking in Schools – Research Project 2022-2023**

Research suggests that assessing creative thinking improves the quality of teaching by helping teachers to be clearer about what they are focusing on; raises the status of creativity in schools; and supports students to understand how they are progressing as they develop their creative thinking skills.

Rethinking Assessment (RA), in partnership the Australian Council for Education Research UK (ACER UK), are working on the research project to develop and evidence how UK schools embed and assess creative thinking within their curriculum. The focus of the research is to develop and test teaching and assessment practices for creative thinking.

Lonsdale School is very privileged to be a partner school and take part in this exciting research project together with 14 other schools across England. Four Lonsdale classes (S, H, V and F Classes) and teachers are using their Science lessons to trial new and innovative approaches to embed creative thinking in the curriculum.

The research project is led by [Professor Bill Lucas](#), and Miss Fisher is Lonsdale's Creative Thinking Lead.

The research project, which will run throughout the Spring Term this academic year, will provide Lonsdale Schools with an opportunity to not only develop their school and staff but also to gain insight into cutting-edge international and research-based approaches in the field of creative thinking.

We are very excited to be a part of this international research project, and we will let you know about how the creative thinking at Lonsdale is developing.

Yours sincerely

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