CONSENT FORM FOR PARENTS/CARERS

RESEARCH TITLE: Evaluating the effectiveness of existing experiences and educational programmes in the Early Start Discovery Space.

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I have been given information about Evaluating the effectiveness of existing experiences and educational programmes in the Early Start Discovery Space and discussed the research project with Professor Ryan Stadnik, Marina Di Leva, and/or Martha Johnson, who are conducting this research in the Early Start Institute at the University of Wollongong.

I have been advised of the commitment required and conditions associated with participating in this research which include time requirements and feedback during focus groups, and have had an opportunity to ask the researchers any questions I may have about the research and my participation.

I understand that my participation in this research is voluntary, I have been invited to participate and I am free to withdraw from the research at any time. My non-participation or withdrawal of consent will not affect my treatment in any way or my relationship with Early Start, the Early Start Research Institute, the Early Start Discovery Space or the University of Wollongong.

If I have any enquiries about the research, I can contact Marina Di Leva or Ryan Stadnik, or if I have any concerns or complaints regarding the way the research is or has been conducted, I can contact the Ethics Officer, Human Research Ethics Committee, Office of Research, University of Wollongong on 4221 3386 or email rso-ethics@uow.edu.au.

By signing below I am indicating my consent to
* Participate in focus groups with other parents/carers of children at the University of Wollongong
* Have my participation in the focus groups recorded and transcribed using pseudonyms in lieu of my actual name
* Have the non-identifiable data acquired published and stored for five years
I understand that the data collected from my participation will be used for publication, and I consent for it to be used in that manner.

Signed Date

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