Dear all,

I am a Masters student at the University of Barcelona doing a study about the British community living in the Barcelona metropolitan area. I am looking at the sorts of concerns parents of young children have when deciding about schools and the languages in which their children will be taught.

I am hoping to contact British parents (or families in which at least one of the parents is British), whose oldest child is no older than 5 years of age. I wonder if you might be able to pass on this message to parents at your school who might fit this description.

Those parents who are interested in collaborating in this study can contact me for a questionnaire or if they have any enquiries about the research at any point. My email address is francescawalls@hotmail.co.uk and my telephone number is 653139651.

The questionnaire is distributed by email and a representative sample of respondents willing to be contacted for further details will be chosen for a short follow-up interview.

Participants can be assured that information provided in the questionnaire will remain strictly confidential and only those who indicate their availability for the follow-up interview will be contacted.

I hope that this project will be useful for the British and other English-speaking communities and that it might be a basis for further relevant studies. Needless to say, the more questionnaires completed, the more representative of the community as a whole the study will be so please let me know if you can help!

Best wishes,

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