INFORMED CONSENT FORM

For participants under 18 years of age and their parent/legal guardian

Project title: Development of a functional prion-based self-healing hydrogel

iGEM team name: reGELerate

How to use this form:

This form contains two parts. Part A should be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Part B should be completed by the child taking part, in their own words and in their own time. Both parts must be completed before a participant under 18 years of age can take part. If a child does not want to take part, we will respect their decision, even if the parent or guardian has given their consent.

Please read the Parent/Guardian and Child Information Sheets before completitng this form, and keep a copy of both for your records. Once signed, one copy of this form will be provided to you and another will be kept securely by the reGELerate research team.

PART A: Parent or Guardian Consent

To be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Please insert a tick into each box you agree with.

1. I confirm that I have read and understand the Parent/Guardian and Child Information Sheets dated 11/10/2026 version 1 for the above study. I may keep these information sheets for my records, and I have had the opportunity to ask questions which have been answered fully. ☐

2. I understand that my child's participation is voluntary and that my child or I are free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason and without being penalised or disadvantaged in any way. ☐

3. I understand that sections of my child's recorded comments and transcript text may be looked at by responsible individuals from Imperial College London. I give permission for these individuals to access this data as relevant to this and future research. ☐

4. I agree to my child's interview being recorded. ☐

5. I agree that anonymised quotes from my child's interview may be used in the iGEM wiki, in presentations and in reports. I understand that my child will not be named, nor identifiable (optional). ☐

6. I have discussed this study with my child, and I understand that if my child does not wish to take part, their decision will be respected. ☐

7. I give consent for my child to take part in the above study. ☐

_____	_____	
Name of Child	**Age**	
	11/10/2026	
_____	_____	_____
Name of Parent/Guardian	**Date**	**Signature**

Relationship to child: _____

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_____	_____	_____
Name of Human Practices Lead	**Date**	**Signature**

PART B: Child Agreement

To be completed by the child taking part. We would like to talk to you about your thoughts on synthetic biology. Please read each sentence below and tick if you agree with the statement. It is fine to say no to anything, and you will not get in trouble. If there is anything you do not understand, please ask us.

1. Someone has explained the project to me, and I have read (or someone has read to me) the Child Information Sheet. ☐

2. I have been able to ask questions, and I understand the answers. ☐

3. I understand that I do not have to take part. I can stop at any time, or skip any question, without having to say why. ☐

4. I am happy for my interview to be recorded. ☐

5. I understand that my answers will be kept safe, and that only members of the iGEM team and their supervisors will be able to hear the recording. ☐

6. I understand that only responsible members of Imperial College London can look at my recorded answers. ☐

7. I understand that some of the things I say might be shared on the team's website or presentations, but my name will not be used and no one will know they were my words. ☐

8. I want to take part in this project. ☐

	11/10/2026	
Your Name	**Date**	**Signature**

Researcher declaration:

I have explained the study to the young person and their parent/guardian in a way that is suitablef or the child's age and understanding. I have answered their questions and I am satisfied that they understand what taking part involves.

Vasily Vanifatov	11/10/2026	
Name of Human Practices Lead	**Date**	**Signature**