## **SAMPLE consent form for under 15 year old students to view m or ma rated films**

You are encouraged to change the font and text styles used in this template to reflect your preferred school style and include your school logo or letterhead where possible.

Please ensure that you insert information relevant to your school where prompted in grey block.

It is not mandatory to use this sample consent form. However, the content provided below contains key information that schools should communicate to parents and carers when obtaining consent for under 15 year old student viewing of M or MA rated films.

This sample consent form can also be used for computer games, by replacing the word film.

Blue Text is instructional only and should be removed from your final consent form.

**CONSENT FORM FOR UNDER 15 YEAR OLD STUDENTS TO VIEW M/MA FILM**

Dear Parent/Carer

In English [insert correct subject] this semester, students will be shown [insert name of the film/book eg. The Hunger Games, a film by Gary Ross based on the bestselling young adult novel by Suzanne Collins].

Insert information about the film and the educational value in viewing it. For example:

*The Hunger Games* is an engaging film that aptly portrays the book’s themes, exploring ideas of oppression, rebellion, freedom as well as providing a searing critique of reality television. The film will give students the opportunity to develop their understanding of cinema, based on the novel they have been studying, and develop their essay writing skills.

[Insert name of film]is classified as *[*delete whichever is not required of the following]:

1. M (Mature), which means it contains content of a moderate impact, and may include portrayals of elements such as violence and themes that require a mature outlook.

[Consider including information on the mature or violent themes in the film or inserting a link to further information on the film. An example of information on the themes is: The Hunger Games contains some scenes that are violent. However, this violence is not glorified or gratuitous and only serves to reinforce the uncaring and oppressive nature of the government depicted in the film].

2. MA 15+ (Mature Accompanied), which means it contains strong content and is legally restricted to people over the age of 15, unless they are in the company of a parent or adult guardian (such as a teacher).

[Consider including information on the mature or violent themes in the film or inserting a link to further information on the film.]

Please complete the following consent form and return it to your child’s English teacher. If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to contact [insert contact details].

If you do not consent to your child viewing this film, they will be provided with a suitable alternative task for the duration of the film.

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Yes I consent to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (student name) watching [insert name of film] for Year [insert] English.

No, I do not consent to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (student name) viewing this film. I understand alternate learning experiences will be provided for my child while the film is being watched.

Signed Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: