RESEARCH CONSIDERATIONS

When writing this answer you need to focus on the **Research Considerations**. These are the considerations that a researcher has to think about when designing their research study. It is about the **TOPIC** of the research **NOT** the research method.



Potential Research Participants

Who will be your research participants?

- Pupils
- Parents
- Teachers



Peer Group Pressures

 How will peer groups impact the validity of your research?



Where is your research going to take place?

- •The Classroom
- •Schools
- Staffrooms
- Settings outside of school



Time

- What is the time-scale of the group or setting?
- How might this affect the research?
- what could be the limits on your participants availability?



Access and Gatekeepers

 Are there any particular opportunities or difficulties with gaining and maintaining access to this group or setting?

 Who, if anyone, controls access to this group or setting? in what ways and with what effect will this have on your research?



 How will the authority structures of a school impact the research?



Characterist

 Will the social and personal characteristics of the researcher cause any problems with the research?



- In what ways might your participants be vulnerable?
- Don't just think about pupils but also teachers and school staff.



Ethics

- Informed Consent -Remember that under 16's cannot give consent.
- Confidentiality
- Avoiding Harm
- Privacy



Impression Management

- Will the participants feel the need to
- •Front Stage Behaviour
- Back Stage Behaviour.



• is communication going to be easy or difficult?



 Is the nature of the group going to draw in or repulse the researcher?