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Dear Ron Beyers (CSIR)

**RE: Ethical clearance for your CSIR projects under Meraka institute:  
(Digital Kids and Fab Teachers)**

This is to confirm that the Faculty of ICT's Research and innovation committee has decided to grant you ethical status on the above projects. All evidence provided was sufficient and therefore the ethical reference numbers allocated to these projects from this committee are as follows:

- Digital Kids – ethical reference number is: **2008/02/digitalkids/ethics/csir**
- Fab Teachers – ethical reference number is: **2008/02/fabteach/ethics/csir**

In order to comply to ethical requirements please ensure that you allow all research participants to complete the attached ethical consent form and keep the evidence for your records for a period of two years. Also please protect yourself from any criticism or problems in future by adding the following disclosure on your website:

*Please indicate what each of these projects are all about (its scope and requirements from participants) and that confidentiality of personal information of participants is coded and that it will not be disclosed to any other parties. Participation is voluntarily and refusal to participate will not involve any penalty or loss of benefits and that participants can withdraw from participation at any point during the duration of the project. The benefits of the project is to .... (complete). The persons to contact for questions on this project is ... (complete).*

Whenever you have to request permission to conduct this project from any department or from a school also use the attached template as a guideline. This will be enough to cover you from any ethical harm or risks. I hope you find this in order and we wish you every success with these projects. It is important to keep records of any correspondence relating to ethics in relation to this project.  
Kind regards

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