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Dear Children,



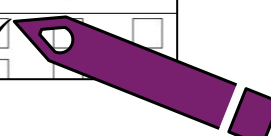
My name is Cath.

I work at the University of Nottingham, which is a big school for adults.



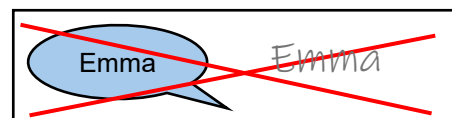
Maths is about numbers, patterns, and shapes. I want to learn more about how children learn maths at school. I would like to know what **you** think about maths and how you learn it. I have sent a parcel to your school with some questions inside. You can choose if you would like to answer my questions or not. An adult in your school will ask you the questions and will write down your answers to send to me. You can ask the adult for help if you are not sure.

In your class, do you...?	A lot	Sometimes	Not much
do maths on paper (on a sheet or in a book)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
do maths on your own?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



You can choose to stop at any time, and nobody will mind! If you answer my questions, then your teacher and other children will not be shown your answers.

My friends at the university will help me read all the answers from all of the children in lots and lots of schools. We will use them to write about how children learn maths in schools. When we write about or tell people about it, we will not use your name or your school's name so that nobody will know what you said.



Thank you for reading my letter and helping me understand about your learning in maths.

Yours sincerely,

Cath