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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your e-mail outlining the changes that were required to the study protocol titled “Targeting multiple health risk behaviours among vocational education students using electronic feedback and online and telephone support: protocol for a cluster randomised trial” before it could be considered for publication in BMC Public Health. Neither this manuscript nor a version of it has been published – either in print or electronic form – or is being considered for publication elsewhere. The authors have no conflicts of interest.

Responses to the points raised follow:

1) Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

The process of obtaining informed consent from the students has now been included in the manuscript as follows:
Page 8, paragraph 1:

“Informed consent will be recorded via the first page of the online baseline survey which will explain that if the student would like to take part in the trial they should choose ‘Next’ and if they do so they agree to participate in the trial.”

2) Please resubmit your revised manuscript without the additional files of 'ethical approval' and 'notification of funding.'

The ethical approval and notification of funding files have been removed from the submission.

We hope that the manuscript meets with your approval and look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

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