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Following the comments made the following amendments have been made to the paper for submission:

Editorial comment
“However, before publication, we ask you to make the following adjustment:
(1) Informed Consent: Please indicate clearly in the Method Section that parental written consent was obtained from participants who were under 18”.

Author’s response
All participants were over the age of 16-years and assessed as competent to give informed consent in this study. Parents and participants were informed of the study and given the opportunity to opt-out. Ethical approval was obtained for this method.

Line 125-128
All students registered in secondary schools that took part in ELMS, who agreed to take part in the study and had the ability to consent, were eligible to participate. Subjects were excluded if they were not able to converse in English or unable to give consent.

Line 152-159 (Amended reference to consent in Line 152-164 of previous submission)
All parents and potential participants were informed of the study by participant information sheet (n=41) and advised of how to opt-out. Adolescents who did not withdraw at this stage were invited to participate. Refusals were received from 18 potential participants and four failed to attend for interview. Formal written consent was obtained from participants. Theme saturation was
reached when a total of 19 participants were recruited. The University of Manchester Ethics Committee granted ethical approval (Ref: 14106).