

## SCIENCE & INNOVATION FAIR

### PLAGIARISM DECLARATION FORM



#### ACADEMIC HONESTY AND ORIGINAL WORK COMMITMENT

The Tlotlego Smiles Foundation Science & Innovation Fair encourages honesty, integrity, and respect for the work of others. Every learner is expected to submit original work and properly acknowledge all sources used during the research process.

#### What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism is presenting someone else's ideas, words, images, designs, data, or work as your own without giving proper credit.

Examples of plagiarism include:

- Copying text directly from books, websites, or articles without referencing the source
- Using another learner's project or ideas without permission or acknowledgement
- Copying images, graphs, or diagrams without crediting the original creator
- Asking someone else to complete your project for you
- Submitting work generated by artificial intelligence (AI) without proper guidance, understanding, or acknowledgement
- Reusing previous projects without permission or adaptation

Learners must ensure that all research and project work reflects their own effort and understanding.

#### Learner Declaration

I/We declare that:

- I understand what plagiarism is and why it is unacceptable.
- This project is my/our original work.
- I/We completed the research, investigation, design, and presentation honestly.
- All books, websites, articles, images, and other sources used in this project have been properly acknowledged.
- I/We understand that failure to comply with academic honesty requirements may result in disqualification from the Science & Innovation Fair.

#### Project Information

**Project Title:**

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**Project Category:**

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**School Name:**

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**Learner Details**

**Learner 1**

**Full Name:**

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**Signature:**

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**Date:**

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**Learner 2 (if applicable)**

**Full Name:**

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**Signature:**

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**Date:**

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**Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement (Recommended for younger learners)**

I confirm that I have discussed academic honesty and plagiarism with the learner and understand the importance of submitting original work.

**Parent/Guardian Name:**

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**Signature:**

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**Date:**

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**Teacher/Mentor Confirmation**

I confirm that I have reviewed the learner's work and discussed the importance of academic honesty, proper referencing, and responsible research practices.

**Teacher/Mentor Name:** .....

**Signature:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Totlego Smiles Foundation Commitment**

We believe that innovation begins with honesty, curiosity, and integrity. Every learner's authentic effort matter, and original thinking is at the heart of meaningful discovery.