The Social Class of the students may determine their responses to being researched. Middle class students are more likely to display pro-school attitudes that Working class students

Studying students in their peer groups may prove difficult. Boys and working class students may see education in a negative light and this may impact on the validity of the research. Peers groups may also restrict individuals from discussing their experiences of education for fear of ridicule

Students need to be protected throughout the research as they are classed as vulnerable. Researchers would require DBS checks and would need to consider gaining the consent of parents and gatekeepers before conducting research

There is no guarantee that students will take research seriously, particularly in self competition questionnaires

The presence of a researcher may lead students to react in different ways to the way they may normally do. Middle class may show off, whilst working class play up

Status differences between a researcher and students may impact on the research. Researchers are generally middle class and working class students may see them as a ‘teacher in disguise’