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TEDS Behaviour Study Information Sheet

The information sheet below is to help you understand what the study is about and what participation will involve. Please take time to read this information sheet and consider whether or not you wish to participate. If you have any questions then please feel free to contact us on our freephone number.

What does taking part involve?

Participation just involves completing a questionnaire. Included in this pack are three questionnaires – one for a parent to complete, and one for each of the children. On completion, these can be returned to us in the freepost envelope enclosed. Please note that there are also two brown envelopes enclosed for the children to put their questionnaires in, so that their responses can be private.

It is expected that completion of the questionnaires will take around half an hour.

Eligibility

There are no restrictions on taking part in this study. While we would very much encourage both children to return the questionnaires as this broadens the range of analyses we can do on the data, we do not require that both children participate – responses from one child alone will still be incredibly useful.

Rewards

To say thank you for taking part in the study we will send the children each a £10 voucher of their choice, either iTunes or Love2Shop. We are pleased to announce that, following the success of the 16 year study, we will also be holding a prize draw which will give participants the chance to win one of over fifty prizes – including two pairs of iPads, four pairs of iPods and twenty pairs of £50 vouchers for Love2Shop or iTunes. Please note, however, that for each twin that wins a prize, their co-twin will receive the same prize only if they have returned the questionnaire, otherwise it will be reallocated to another participant in the study. The prize draw will take place in April.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

Findings from the study will be published in peer-reviewed scientific journals. Your family's information will be kept strictly confidential and anonymous.

Do you have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do take part, you are free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason. Your decision not to take part in this study will not affect your future involvement with TEDS.

Confidentiality

All information collected during the course of research will be kept strictly confidential. The data that you provide will be entered into a dataset together with other participants' data, and you will be identified in this dataset only by participant number.

Consent form

If you are willing to participate in this study, please don't forget to sign and return the consent form with the questionnaires.

Deadline

The prize draw will take place in April, so if you would like to take part in this study then please return the questionnaires to us by the end of March. We will send a reminder letter in March to confirm the exact date of the prize draw.

Queries?

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call us on our freephone line 0800 317 029, or email us at teds-project@kcl.ac.uk.