



TWINS' EARLY DEVELOPMENT STUDY

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Dear.....,

Thank you for contacting us about TEDS - the Twins' Early Development Study. We hope that this letter and the enclosed leaflet will answer some of the questions you may have about TEDS. We also have a Freephone number - 0800 317029 - and we will be happy to answer any further questions you may have about this study.

Children develop in different ways, and at different rates. As a parent you have a wonderful opportunity to watch how your children learn. You have a special knowledge and we would like you to share it with us. We are interested in your twins because they let us see how genes and experience work together to influence their development.

We have invited the families of all twins born in England and Wales in 1994, 1995 and 1996 to take part. A clear picture of child development relies upon the participation of the majority of these twins. So, the more of these special families that join us the better.

How can you tell us about your children's development?

When your twins are two years old, we would like to send you some questions about your family and some simple games to play with and We hope the games will be fun for you and your twins. They will be given a small gift as a thank you for taking part. You will be sent a TEDS newsletter to let you know how we are getting on with the study. There will be *no* cost to you because all postage will be paid.

For now, we would like you to answer the questions in the enclosed booklet. The questions should take you about half an hour to complete. The information you share with us will be strictly confidential.

When you have finished, please post the whole booklet back to us in the FREEPOST envelope provided.

Once again, thank you for showing an interest in this exciting new study. Your knowledge and experience is extremely important to us.

Don't miss being part of the largest twin study ever conducted in England and Wales!