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## TWINS EARLY DEVELOPMENT STUDY

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Dear <twin forename>,

We are currently in the process of updating our records, and have noticed that we do not have DNA from you. The DNA is extremely useful to us, and will be analysed to help us learn more about the genetic factors that play a part in the development of human language, thought and behaviour.

If you would like to help with the TEDS DNA study it is important that you sign the enclosed consent form. As in all research, we can only involve you if you sign. Before doing this you should familiarise yourself with the study as detailed in the enclosed information sheet.

Our DNA study is funded and regulated by the Medical Research Council and is completely independent. All information is confidential and the data from the DNA are used anonymously. We are not allowed to pass any information to outsiders such as police, doctors or insurance companies. At the end of the study, the remaining DNA might be used in future research that is ethically approved.

You are very welcome to phone us on our freephone number: 0800 317 029 if you have any gueries.

Please return your DNA sample in the freepost envelope provided. Full instructions on how to provide the sample are contained within the kit. On receipt of the DNA we will email you a £15 Love2Shop flexecode to compensate you for your time. Please make sure you complete the consent form with your email address for this purpose.

If you do not wish to take part in this study please indicate this on the enclosed form and return it with the unused DNA collection kit. This will ensure that we do not trouble you with reminders.

Thank you again for your participation in TEDS.

Yours sincerely

**TEDS Team** 

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