**Learning To Predict How We Feel**

Dear Parent/ guardian,

My name is Dr. Aidan Feeney and I am a lecturer in the School of Psychology at Queens University Belfast. I am writing to you on behalf of three 3rd year psychology students, Emma Berry, Brónach O’Brien and Rachael McBride, who will being carrying out a research dissertation under my supervision, which will contribute towards their final degree. I am writing to you to invite your child to partake in a study which looks at the age at which children learn to predict what will make them feel regret. The overall aim of the research is to investigate whether young children are able to anticipate regret related to poor decision outcomes.

For the study we will be asking children from P2, P4 and P6 to play a selecting game using boxes and stickers and will be testing to see if children know that they will feel worse after seeing an outcome that is better than the one they chose. The experiment itself will only last for 5-10 minutes at the most.

All of the information, including your child’s name, will remain confidential between my three students and I, and no individuals will be identified in the finished dissertation. You are however free to withdraw your child from the study at any point before the dissertation is submitted. Your child will also be asked to reaffirm their consent to take part before beginning the experiment. I would like to also reassure you that the data collected will be stored securely.

If you have any further questions about the study feel free to contact the students by email ([eberry05@qub.ac.uk](mailto:eberry05@qub.ac.uk); [bobrien04@qub.ac.uk](mailto:bobrien04@qub.ac.uk); [rmcbride10@qub.ac.uk](mailto:rmcbride10@qub.ac.uk) ). Alternatively you can contact me by email ([a.feeney@qub.ac.uk](mailto:a.feeney@qub.ac.uk)), telephone (02890974299), or via post (School of Psychology, Queens University Belfast, University Road, Belfast BT7 1NN).

If you are happy for your child to partake in the study please complete, detach, and return the slip below to the school.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter, we hope to hear from you in due course.

Dr Aidan Feeney.

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| Child’s Name |  | Parent/Guardian’s Signature |  |
| Parent/Guardian’s Name |  | Parent/Guardian’s Name (please print) |  |
| Contact Number |  | Date |  |

**Consent form:** I give permission for the child named below to take part in this research