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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The University of Cambridge's INSTRUCT and Family Research Group are carrying out a study that compares the thinking skills of children living in the UK and Hong Kong and has received ethical approval from the Cambridge Psychology Research Ethics Committee (No. 2014.40).

What does the study involve?

We would like to invite parents and children (aged 10-13) to complete four fun computer tasks – this is a chance for you to find out if you and your child think alike*. We are also asking parents to complete an online questionnaire about family life. Overall this should take about 50-60 minutes. We will also ask your child to complete a short literacy and numeracy assessment and a questionnaire about family life. For more information please see the enclosed information leaflet. As a thank you for taking part, your family will receive £20.

How will the data be used?

The study data are for research purposes only and will be reported at a group level at professional conferences and in academic books or articles.

Will my results be kept confidential?

All information will be kept strictly confidential. We store the data using random ID numbers so that the data cannot be linked back to you or your child. The data will be stored on secured electronic files or in a locked cabinet in the Faculty of Education, and will be accessible only by the INSTRUCT and Family Research Groups.

How can I participate in this research?

If you are interested in taking part please email or call me on the number provided below. We will then send you information on how to complete the online questionnaire and computer tasks. If you have any questions or would like further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time,

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* When we have collected all our data we will be able to provide families with a short profile that indicates the level of match in performance profiles.