**UCL DIVISION OF PSYCHOLOGY AND LANGUAGE SCIENCES**

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**Learning About Social and Emotional Processing in Adolescence**

**Information sheet for participants under 18**

**YOU WILL BE GIVEN A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION SHEET**

You are invited to take part in a research study about emotions and social decision making. Our research team is from University College London and we are trying to learn more about how teenagers understand and react to their environment. We would like to know whether changes in reasoning and emotional abilities that happen during teenage years influence teenagers’ decisions about social situations. We also want to understand why there are differences in some of the choices and decisions that different teenagers make. To help us try to better understand these situations we are asking boys aged 11-16 to take part in our study.

**Why are we doing the study?**

Whilst there are no immediate benefits for those people participating in the project, we hope that in the future results from this study will help us to better understand how young people make decisions about social situations and their environment and why some young people may have more difficulty in such situations than others. This project is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council.

**What will happen if I take part?**

If you agree to be in this study, you will:

* Spend about one hour with researchers from our team during the school day and you will be asked to do some questionnaires and play some games on a computer.
* These tasks are very simple and involve things like deciding how to share points with another player. The points you gain would be converted into a gift voucher. They are made to be fun and not too difficult!

We also will ask your parents and your teacher to fill in some questionnaires that tell us about how you are getting on at home and at school.

Please turn over…

**What will happen to all this information collected?**

All of the information we gather is confidential and anonymous, meaning we won’t give your individual results to anyone else. Your information will be given a number and all identifying information will be removed. The information we collect will be treated as strictly confidential and handled in accordance with the provisions of the GDPR. The results will be looked at in detail and be used to help write reports for scientific journals. We’re interested in how children do in general and not your results alone. Your school or your parents will not have access to the information we collect from you. Please note, however, that in certain circumstances the researchers have a duty of care to report to relevant authorities possible harm or danger to you or others.

**Do I have to take part?**

Being in this study is up to you. Even if your parents give their permission for you to participate in this study, you still can decide for yourself if you want to take part. You don’t have to be in this study you don’t want to! Importantly, even if you decide to take part, you can stop at any time.

If you decide to take part and feel, either during or after your participation, that you have been treated unfairly or would like to raise a complaint please contact the study’s Principal Investigator, Professor Essi Viding ([e.viding@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:e.viding@ucl.ac.uk)). Should you feel that your complaint has not been handled to your satisfaction, please contact the Chair of the UCL Research Ethics Committee ([ethics@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ethics@ucl.ac.uk)). If you do wish to participate please sign the assent form attached.

**Ask questions!**

You can ask any questions or tell us about any concerns that you have about the study. Do not hesitate to email Ruth (r.roberts@ucl.ac.uk) call her on 020 7679 2539. You can also contact Professor Essi Viding at 020 7679 5874 or e.viding@ucl.ac.uk. If you have a question that you didn’t think of now, you can ask it later.

**Data Protection Privacy Notice:**

The data controller for this project will be University College London (UCL). The UCL Data Protection Office provides oversight of UCL activities involving the processing of personal data, and can be contacted at data-protection@ucl.ac.uk. UCL’s Data Protection Officer is Lee Shailer and he can also be contacted at data-protection@ucl.ac.uk**.**

Your personal data will be processed for the purposes outlined in this notice. The legal basis that would be used to process your personal data will be task in the public interest. This means that you do not need to provide your consent for the use of your personal data in this project.

**Your personal data will be processed so long as it is required for the research project**. If we are able to anonymise or pseudonymise the personal data you provide we will undertake this, and will endeavour to minimise the processing of personal data wherever possible.

If you are concerned about how your personal data is being processed, please contact UCL in the first instance at data-protection@ucl.ac.uk. If you remain unsatisfied, you may wish to contact the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO). Contact details, and details of data subject rights, are available on the ICO website at: https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/overview-of-the-gdpr/individuals-rights/

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*This study has been approved*

*by the UCL Research Ethics Committee [0622/001]*

**Assent Form – Adolescent Under 18**

**Please tick (√) appropriate box:**

* **Yes**, I would like to participate in this study.
* **No**, I do not want to participate in this study.

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**If Yes, please complete the following:**

* I have read the Information Sheet or it has been explained to me.
* I understand that I do not have to take part in this study if I do not want to.
* I understand that I may withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason.
* I have had the opportunity to ask any questions I wish to ask.
* I have the names and telephone numbers of the research team in case I have any queries in the future.

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***Thank you!***