

## **What is the TEDS 12 Year Study?**

We are inviting you and your twins to take part in our 12 year research. The information below should help you understand why this study is being done and what it will involve.

### **What is it about?**

You have already helped us to study lots of aspects of development through questionnaires, face to face visits and over the telephone. Now that TEDS children are older, we are interested in finding out more about their progress through some web based activities. These activities have been developed to look at a range of skills and abilities.

### **What does taking part involve?**

Your children will be asked to complete a range of online activities and a short activity over the telephone with a member of our team. We have designed these activities to make sure that children of all levels will feel comfortable. They will stop automatically when it becomes too difficult for the child. The activities vary in length and can be completed in a number of separate sessions. Many of the children who have already completed these activities have told us they enjoyed doing it. To thank your children for their time and attention, we will send them a gift voucher each.

### **What happens to the findings of the research study?**

Your children's results will be kept strictly confidential. Since this a research study, there are no individual test results so we are unable to give out results to individuals. However, information on the progress of the research will be widely available and we will be happy to give out this general information. The results will be analysed and reports written for scientific journals, some of which you can see on our web site. We hope that our work will lead us to a better understanding of how all children develop and learn.

### **We would like to help. What do we do next?**

Use the enclosed step-by-step guide to log in to the TEDS website and complete a consent form which shows that you agree that your children may take part. The children will be able to see the activities that are available to them by clicking on their name. A member of our team may call you to see how you are getting on and help with any difficulties. Our thank you vouchers will be sent automatically when the twins have completed the activities.

### **Do we have to take part?**

It is up to you and your children to decide whether or not to take part. If you do take part, you are free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason. Your decision not to take part in this study will not affect your involvement with TEDS.

Thank you very much for your help. If you have any questions or would like to tell us what you thought please e-mail us at [teds@iop.kcl.ac.uk](mailto:teds@iop.kcl.ac.uk) or call us on **FREEPHONE 0800 317029**