**INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS (Control, 11-15 yrs)**

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Study title: ***Emotional Differences between Children with attention-hyperactivity problems and children with anxiety problems***

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My name is Athina Manoli and I am a phD student at the University of Southampton. I would like to invite you to take part in my research study that is being done as part of my degree. Before you decide whether to take part, I would like to explain why the research is being done and what it would involve for you. I will go through this information sheet with you and answer any questions you may have.

**What is this research study about?**

In this study we want to find differences in attention and emotion between children with attention and hyperactivity difficulties, children with anxiety/worry problems, children with both attention-hyperactivity and anxiety problems and children with neither disorder. We aim to achieve this by measuring eye-movements because they can give us a lot of information about people’s attention and behaviour.

**Why have I been asked to take part?**

You are invited to take part since your age is between 8-15 years and you are going to a school in the Southampton area. It is up to both you and a parent/carer to decide whether or not you take part. If you decide to take part, you will be given this sheet to keep and be asked to sign a form. Even after saying you want to take part you are still free to stop at any time without giving a reason.

**Do I have to take part?**

No, it is up to you. Before you make this decision, you can ask the researcher to answer any questions that you might have. If you think that you might want to take part you can fill out a form that you will be given by the researcher after reading all the information. If you agree to take part, you are still free to stop at any time, without giving a reason.

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

MCj04241780000[1]If you decide to take part, we will contact your parent/carer to arrange a convenient time for both of you to come at The University of Southampton to do the experiment.

***When you come to the University:***

The researcher will explain the study to you and your parent/carer. You and your parent/carer will be asked to sign a form, if you are happy to take part. You will be asked to complete two tasks on a computer that will measure your eye-movements. You will need to complete two tasks; each task will take around 30 minutes. You can take frequent breaks during the tasks and between task 1 and task 2. Whist you are completing the experimental tasks your parent/carer will be asked to complete two questionnaires based on your behaviour, emotions, academic and social performance. After completing the computer tasks you will be asked to spend approximately 60 minutes to complete a few questionnaires that measure your emotions and anxiety a and another 20 minutes completing two thinking games. There will not be any right or wrong answers to those questions and you will also have as many breaks as you like during the session and between the tasks. You will also receive £15 at the end of the testing for your participation. You will be at the University for about 3 hours.

**Will anyone else know I'm doing this?**

We will keep your information in confidence. This means that only the members of this research team will have access to your information. Wherever possible, we will only send out information that has your name and address removed. Your name will be changed into a number/code for the analyses of the results so nobody will know your name and your answers. Only if we are worried about any of your scores and answers we will tell your parent/carer about that.

**What are the possible benefits for taking part?**

By taking part in the study both you and your parent/carer will help us to understand better the attentional and emotional differences between children and young people with attention and over activity difficulties, children and young people with anxiety, children and young people with both attention/over activity and anxiety and children and young people with neither disorder.

**What if there’s a problem or something goes wrong?**

It is very unlikely that you will have any problems while you are doing this study. If you are worried about anything you and your parent/carer can stop any time you wish. If you feel you have been treated badly during this study you can contact the **Research Governance** Office at the University of Southampton (phone number: 02380 595058, Email address: [rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk) )

**Who has reviewed the study?**

Before any research is allowed to happen, it has to be checked by a group of people called a Research Ethics Committee. The University of Southampton Research Ethics Committee and the South Central Berkshire Research Ethics Committee have both reviewed and approved the study.

**What happens if I want to find out more?**

You can ask me any questions you have now or you can contact me later (Athina Manoli, telephone number: 02380596652 or send me email on [am32g13@soton.ac.uk](mailto:am32g13@soton.ac.uk) and ask me anything you like. You can also contact my supervisor (Julie Hadwin, University of Southampton, telephone number: 02380592590, email: [jah7@soton.ac.uk](mailto:jah7@soton.ac.uk) )