Some questions to ask about the study

- What will my child have to do?

- In what ways would it be different from what would normally happen e.g. at school?

  - Extra time?

  - Extra activities?

- Would it involve discomfort or risk to my child?

- Will I be given any results that relate to my child?

- Will the research study help my child, or is it only intended to help other children in the future?

- How long will my child be involved?

  - Does the research go over many years or is it just one off?

- Will the researchers tell me about the overall results of the study when it finishes?

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What is an information statement?

- A sheet of paper with information about a research study.

- Sometimes it is called a "plain language statement".

What is the purpose of the information statement?

- It is telling you about the study so you can make a choice. You don't have to agree to take part.

- Its purpose is to protect your child's welfare and rights.

- It explains the risks and any benefits of taking part in a research study. It also explains alternatives to taking part.

- Your role as a parent or guardian is to read this statement and ask questions about anything you do not understand.

- In deciding whether you want your child to take part, you can show the information statement to others.

- It is for you to keep - to refer back to.

What is research?

Research aims to find out information that can be used to benefit and improve the well-being of children and young people.

Other words for "research" that sometimes get used are:

- Trial
- Protocol
- Survey
- Experiment
- Study
- Focus group
- Questionnaire