



Bilingualism and Childhood

Now recruiting!

We are looking for caregivers with children aged between 5 and 12 to take part in our research exploring how hearing or speaking more than one language affects the development of children with and without autism. More information is available on our website: www.dart.ed.ac.uk

We would like to visit you and your child at home over two time-points; The first would be sometime in early 2019, and the second, one year later. During these visits, we would like to play some games with your child. We will also and give you some questionnaires about you and your family, and the languages you use. Each visit will take between 1.5 and 2.5 hours and will include lots of breaks. Some of the games will be played with a researcher and others on the computer.

Here is some more information about what will happen if you want to participate. We can also send you more information if you're interested: please contact us - our details are below.

Who can take part?

If your child has received a diagnosis of autism, is between the ages of 5 and 12, and hears or speaks more than one language.

If your child does not have a diagnosis of autism, is between the ages of 5 and 12, and hears or speaks more than one language.

If your child is being raised hearing more than two languages, they can take part too!

What do we mean by bilingualism?

When we say bilingualism, we're talking about when people speak or even hear more than one language. A whole range of things count as bilingualism. For example:

- If your child speaks English at school but speaks a different language at home
- if one parent speaks English but the other speaks a different language
- If you don't speak a second language but other family members like Grandparents do
- If you gave up speaking your native language when you child received their autism diagnosis
- If your child speaks very little
- If your child is monolingual but you are not.

I'm interested in taking part in this research. What happens next?

1. Register your interest

email us at autism@ed.ac.uk

2. We'll contact you to arrange a research day.
We will also answer any questions you might have

3. 2 weeks before the visit we will send your questionnaires
We will collect these at the first visit

4. We'll see you for the first visit!

What will happen at the visit?

During the visits, we would like to play some games with your child that will help us to measure their language and social and communication skills. The games we will bring with us will be fun and short. Some of the games will be played with a researcher and others on the computer. We will also collect the questionnaires from you.

If you would like more information about the tasks or questionnaires we will be using and why, please [email](#) our lead researcher, Rachael.

Why are you doing this research?

Read more about our research aims at: <http://dart.ed.ac.uk/research/bilingualism-childhood/>

How do I get in touch?

We are happy to answer your questions or give you more information.

Link to register interest: https://edinburgh.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8nVZYTcGfSWYC9L

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