Hi and welcome,

Welcome to the Autism Research at Kent website.

I’m Heather

I’m Aida

These slides will tell you a little bit more about us and our research. We hope the information in here helps you decide if you want to sign up on our website.
We are researchers at the University of Kent.

We work at

The School of Psychology

and

The Tizard Centre
We would like to get a better understanding of the Autism Spectrum Disorder, and we hope you could help us with this.

How does having Autism affect you?

This is my choice.

We would use this information to help us develop new methods which might help you in social communication and functioning.

You could do this by taking part in studies at the University of Kent.
We would like to invite you to sign up on our website (www.autismresearchkent.co.uk)

We will then contact you with information about the different studies which you can take part in.

Most of the studies will take part in Canterbury at the University of Kent.

But they might also be across Kent, it depends on which study you want to do, it is your choice.
You will always be given information about a study before you choose if you take part. You can also ask us questions before or when we meet.

This information, might help you decide if you want to take part, or not.

We will never be ask you to do something you tell us you don’t want to do. You can always stop taking part if you wish to.

If you take part in a study you are sometimes called a “participant”. To be a participant means that you have agreed to take part in a study and you agree to do the tasks in the study.
There are many different studies.

Some are short, you might meet with us just once and others might ask you to come in a few times.

Some studies might ask you to wear caps with wires coming out of them (this is called an EEG study) to record your brain waves.

Other studies might ask for your experiences and opinions (like an interview).

You choose which study you want to take part in.
We have a lot of research on Autism taking place at both the School of Psychology and at the Tizard Centre.

If you would like us to send you more information please go to the website and click on the link “sign up”.

We will then contact you to give you more information about the studies.
You will **never** be asked to do something which might hurt you.

If you contact us and let us know what study you wish to take part in, we will ask you to come and meet with us, the researcher.

When you meet the researcher you can bring somebody you trust with you for support.

They can help you during the meeting.
You can find out more about the researchers who run these studies and which studies are looking for participants right now by click on the website link “about us” and/ or “our methods”.

If you find anything difficult to understand let us know and we will send you an Easy to Read information pack.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet.