Recruitment of children with autism to participate in study about academic performance

At the University of Luxembourg, we are conducting a study that aims to understand different factors that may determine why some children with autism succeed in school while others, despite their intellectual ability, have struggles to navigate the education system.

We are looking for children in the autism spectrum (Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, etc.) attending primary/elementary schools to participate in this project. The child should be able to express him or herself in either English, German, or French.

The study takes place, depending on your preference, in one of our campuses (Kirchberg, Limpertsberg, or Belval) and takes approximately 2 hours (with breaks).

During the session, children will be asked to perform some tasks (e.g. IQ assessment, memory, attention)*, to answer to some questionnaires, and their heart rate will be assessed. At the same time, parents will also be asked to be present and collaborate by answering to some questionnaires.

All the used methods are harmless and should not cause any distress to your child. The project has been reviewed and approved by an independent Ethics board and is GDPR compliant. The University of Luxembourg applies a strong sanitary protocol frequently examined and validated by the Public Health Authorities, which makes our premises safe regarding protection against Covid-19 infections. Before taking part in the study you will be able to clarify all questions and we can give you more details about the questions and tasks that we will ask you and your child to perform.

You and your child will be compensated monetarily for your time.

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If you would like to learn more about our research in autism or ourselves, please consult our website: autisme.uni.lu

It would be a great help if you could support our research project by participating with your child. Many thanks in advance for considering participating and please do not hesitate contacting us with any questions.

You can contact us via email or phone. However, with the still ongoing pandemic situation and frequent home office, it might be easier to reach us first via email and then, if you want it, we can set-up a phone or video call exchange.

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