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**Title of Study: ‘Close’ collaborative art project: experiences of children with speech,
language and communication needs**

Information Sheet

What is this study about?

The aim of this study is to investigate the experiences of children with speech, language and communication needs who participate in a collaborative art project (‘Close’). This project is being delivered by artist in residence Amy Beddow at Reading-based arts charity ‘Jelly’ (<http://jelly.org.uk/>). This study is specifically interested in how children with speech, language and communication needs and their parents or carers describe their experiences of participating in the art project.

What information are you collecting?

If you choose to participate in this study, we will ask you to complete a short questionnaire about your child’s age, gender, as well as what type of speech, language and communication needs your child has.

After you have participated in the ‘Close’ art project we will ask you and your child to answer four questions each about your child’s experiences. The questions can be answered in writing or recorded during a video-call with a qualified speech and language therapist.

Your participation in this study will take approximately 1 hour.

Do I have to take part?

No, it is up to you to decide whether you wish to take part in this research study. If you do decide to take part, you will be asked to provide written consent. You are free to withdraw at any time during your participation in this study without having to give any reason. You can stop answering the questions at any time. You may omit and not respond to any question that is asked of you. Information from all answered questions will be collected and used in the research.

Participation in the project will not make any difference to your child’s participation in the ‘Close’ project.

Please feel free to ask any questions that you may have about this study at any point.

Will my information be kept confidential?

Your data will be held in confidence and securely stored on password-protected computers, only accessed by the investigators, other qualified members of the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences and speech and language therapy students (supervised by the investigators or other qualified members of the School). Your responses will be assigned with a number while we are conducting the study to ensure that you are not directly identifiable to others with only an anonymous number identifying it. Information linking that number to your name will be stored securely and separately from the data you provide us.

Audio/video recordings will be kept on a secure server that can only be accessed by the investigators, other qualified members of the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences and speech and language therapy students (supervised by the investigators or other qualified members of the School). At no point will the recording be made available to the general public. At no point will the recordings be put on the internet or be accessible by the internet.

Personal information collected for the project will be kept on record for future projects and will be destroyed 5 years after the end of the project. Written information may be made publicly available in anonymised form. Data from the study that does not identify you (is anonymous) may be kept for longer periods of time.

If you have any questions or concerns about data protection, you can contact the research team or the University Data Protection Officer at imps@reading.ac.uk.

Where can I find out more about the study?

This application has been reviewed by the University Research Ethics Committee and has been given a favourable ethical opinion for conduct.

If you would like more information on the study, please contact the project lead Dr Emma Pagnamenta on e.pagnamenta@reading.ac.uk.

If you would like more information about the ethical aspects of this research you can contact the chair of the Research Ethics committee on pcls-ethics@reading.ac.uk

Thank you for your help and your time. Please get in touch with us if you have further questions or require further information.

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