Before any research is allowed to happen it has to be checked out by a group of people called a Research Ethics Committee. They make sure the research is fair. This study has been checked and accepted by the School of Community & Health Sciences Research Ethics Committee at City University, London.

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Information for Children

The VEPS project
What is Research?
Research is the way we find out answers to questions. We are asking if you will help us with a piece of research.

Who are we?
We are a group of researchers who are interested in the development of children's communication and reading. We last came to see you when you were 4 or 5 years old, but you may not remember that visit. We would like to come and see you again now you are in junior school.

Do you have to say yes?
It is completely up to you and your family to decide whether to say yes or no to helping with our research.

What will happen afterwards?
We will study the results from our meetings with all the children and their families who are part of our study to help us answer our questions. We will not use any of your names when we do this.

What will happen if you do say yes?
We will come to see you at school or at home – whichever you prefer. We will ask you and your family some questions and we will do some activities together. Some of these activities are like games. Some will be talking about things. We will audio record some of the activities if you and your family this is OK with you. The audio recordings will help us to remember afterwards what you have told us.

How long will it take?
We will come to see you twice for about 2 hours. You can have breaks during this time if you get tired. You can also stop the session and you can tell us if you don’t want to take part at any time.

What happens afterwards?
We will send your family a newsletter telling you what we have found out. We will not use your name in this.