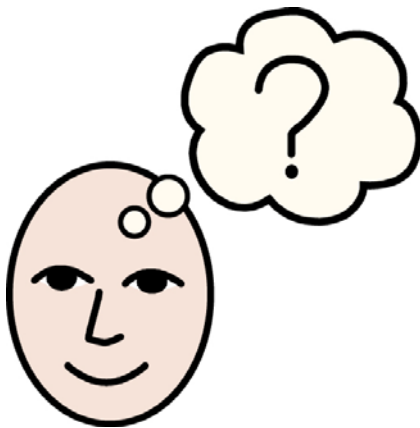


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Study Information Sheet: The 'Hidden Sense': Targeting the proprioceptive system to improve target behaviours for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder



Hello. Our names are

- Yu-Wei Chen
- Victoria Jarman

We are doing a research study to find out more about how sensory activities can improve behaviours and help children to feel calm.

We are asking you to be in our study because your parent contacted us for further information.

You can decide if you want to take part in the study or not. You don't have to - it's up to you.

This sheet tells you what we will ask you to do if you decide to take part in the study. Please read it carefully so that you can make up your mind about whether you want to take part.

If you decide you want to be in the study and then you change your mind later, that's ok. All you need to do is tell us that you don't want to be in the study anymore.

If you have any questions, you can ask us or your family or someone else who looks after you.

What will happen if I say that I want to be in the study?

If you decide that you want to be in our study, we will ask you to do these things:

- Play games and do tasks around the house with your parent. These may change a little bit from how they are now.

We will also ask your parents to do these things:

- Change the games and tasks you do around the house so that they help your body feel calm
- Record your behaviour daily on a smart device

Victoria will sometimes watch you and your mother or father playing the games and doing tasks around the house.

Will anyone else know what I say in the study?



All of the information that we have about you from the study will be stored in a safe place and we will look after it very carefully. We will write a report about the study and show it to other people but we won't say your name in the report and no one will know that you were in the study, unless you tell us that it's ok for us to say your name.

How long will the study take?



The study will take 9 weeks. Your mother or father will change the games you play and tasks you do around the house a little bit during the 9 weeks.

Are there any good things about being in the study?



You won't get anything for being in the study, but you will be helping us develop therapy ideas that may help other children to feel calm during the day.

Are there any bad things about being in the study?



This study will take up some of your time, but we don't think it will be bad for you or cost you anything.

Will you tell me what you learnt in the study at the end?

Yes, we will if you want us to. There is a question on the consent form that asks you if you want us to tell you what we learnt in the study. If you circle Yes, when we finish the study we will tell you what we learnt.

What if I am not happy with the study or the people doing the study?



If you are not happy with how we are doing the study or how we treat you, then you or the person who looks after you can:

- **Call** the university on +61 2 8627 8176 or
- Write an **email** to human.ethics@sydney.edu.au

This sheet is for you to keep.

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