

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS WITH NORMAL VISION

To be read to your child by parent/guardian

Hello!

We are a team of scientists at the University of Oxford. We are trying to answer a big question.

Would you like to help us?



What is our big question?

Some people see with one eye although they have two. We think this has to do with the brain. This is because the brain, the thing in our head that helps us feel and move, also helps us see.

The good news is that putting a sticker on one eye for many days can help the brain use both eyes when it is taken off.

Our BIG QUESTION is: How does this actually work?

To answer this question, we need help from some children who see with both eyes.

Why are we doing this?

Not everyone who puts a sticker on one eye sees better afterwards. We are studying the brain, to find answers that can one day help these people. We want to help more people see better.

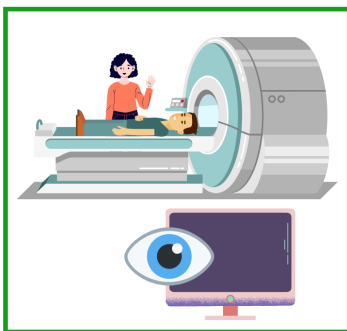
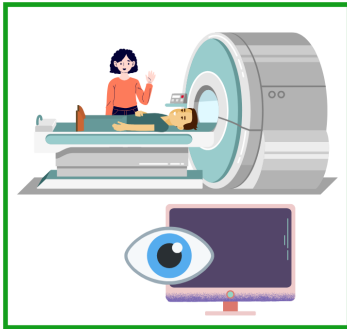
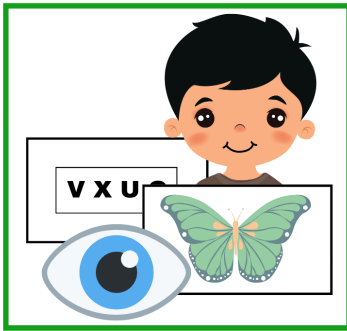
How can I decide whether to join in?

Ask your parent/guardian to read this paper to you. Talk with your family about it. Ask us any questions. We are very happy to hear from you.



Do I have to join in?

No. You don't have to join. Even if you join, you can change your mind at any time. Just tell the scientist or your parent/guardian. You don't have to say why. If you decide to stop, no one will be upset with you.



What will happen?

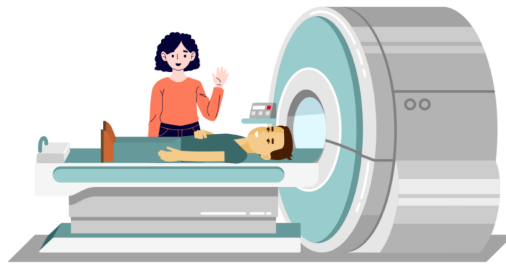


You will first meet us at the place where we work. You will look at some pictures so that we can find out how well you can see with each eye.

On two other days, you will meet us at our work.

Each time we will take some pictures of your brain. How does this work? We will use a machine that takes pictures of your brain. It is shaped like a giant donut with a bed in the middle. You will lie on the bed inside the donut. We will take the picture while you watch a cartoon.

The machine is noisy, so we will give you earplugs.



After we have taken the pictures, you will come out of the machine and have a break. Then you will sit in a room with your parent/guardian and us to look at some other pictures on a screen and tell us what you can see. This tells us how you see with each eye.

You will not miss any school to take part. The two days will be 6 months apart.

What else should I know?

Everything that you will do will be very safe and does not hurt.



You will need to lie still like a statue in the MRI scanner. You will get cushions and a blanket to make

sure you are comfortable.

Your parent/guardian can be with you when we take pictures of your brain. Or your parent/guardian can be just outside the room.

What will happen to pictures and answers collected from me?

We will use your pictures and answers to help answer our big question. We will keep them safe. We will only keep the pictures and answers that we really need.

Is this study OK to do?

Our study has been checked by lots of people. Everyone has said that this study is safe and useful.



What if there is a problem or something goes wrong?

If you are not happy because of something that happened in the study, please talk to your parent/guardian who will let the scientist know.



Thank you for reading - please ask us any questions.