

Letter of Invitation
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Title of Study: *Cross-Validation of a Parent Questionnaire on Children's Thinking*

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My name is Dr. Caitlin Mahy. I work in the Department of Psychology at Brock University. I am writing to invite you and your child to participate in a research project entitled *Cross-Validation of the Children's Future Thinking Questionnaire*. The purpose of this research project is to develop a questionnaire that measures different aspects of children's thinking, like how they save or plan. This research will see how well items on the questionnaire correspond to laboratory behavioural tasks and instances of thinking and behaviours your child may encounter in every day life. This study will examine typically developing children (children without identified speech, language, hearing, social, or intellectual delays) aged 3- to 7-years who are fluent in English.

Should you and your child choose to participate in the study, you will first be asked to fill out a consent form, followed by some brief demographic information about you and your child, and two questionnaires about you child's everyday thinking and behaviours. The questionnaires are expected to take approximately 25 minutes to complete. Next, your child will play several games with a researcher that will ask them to play interactive games where children will have to follow instructions and respond to a verbal prompt from the experimenter. Finally, your child will complete a measure of their verbal ability. Your child's performance will be video- and audio-recorded.

The research session will be audiotaped and videotaped and will take approximately 90 minutes. The session will be conducted at the laboratory at Brock University.

In appreciation of participation, you will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Indigo (odds of winning are 1 in 80) and your child will receive a small toy. We will pay for parking or transportation costs if you come to Brock University. The information you provided will greatly assist with research on children's thinking; it will improve our understanding of child development, and help to inform parents and teachers of strategies to help improve children's everyday thinking skills. There are no known or anticipated risks associated with participation in this study.

This study is being conducted at Brock University. Participation is voluntary. If you have any pertinent questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Brock University Research Ethics Officer (905 688-5550 ext 3035, reb@brocku.ca)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (see below for contact information).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caitlin Mahy".

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This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through Brock University's Research Ethics Board **[16-319 -MAHY]**