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Dear Parents/Carers

My name is Dr Lauran Doak and I am a researcher in Special & Inclusive Education at the Institute of Education, Nottingham Trent University.

I am currently conducting a research project on the use of iPads to share personalised stories. The project is funded by UK Literacy Association. I am particularly interested in a story-sharing App which allows children and their families to combine photos, video, text and audio to create a personalised story to share.

I would like to find five children/young people who have been identified as having learning disabilities and/or autism to take part in a 3 month study. The five families will each be given an iPad with the story-sharing App for the duration of the study and full training on how to use it. They will be asked to give feedback to the researcher on their experiences of using the App.

There is no minimum 'literacy level' or iPad competence level required to take part – the child/young person may be able to read and write a lot, a little, or not at all. Some children may directly participate in the creation and telling of the stories (for example by choosing photos or typing text), others may enjoy listening to stories created by their parents/carers. I am interested in how the App works for a wide range of children. The project welcomes participants identified as having PMLD (Profound & Multiple Learning Disabilities), SLD (Severe Learning Disabilities), MLD (Moderate Learning Disabilities), ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) or any other label.

If you would like to express an interest in the study and receive further details (with no commitment) please email [lauran.doak@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:lauran.doak@ntu.ac.uk)

Best wishes

**Lauran Doak**