



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET: CHILDREN

We are asking you and your family to take part in helping us answer this question:

Will reading Social Stories™ help children with autism socially and emotionally?

Before you decide if you want to join in, it is important that you understand what the study is about, why the study is being done and what it will mean if you take part. Please read this leaflet carefully with your family.

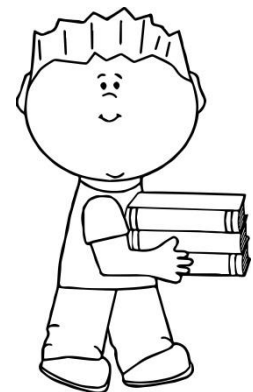
If something doesn't make sense or if you have any questions you can ask your parents to give us a call and we can discuss it with you and your family.

Why are we trying to answer this question?

Sometimes, children with autism find it hard to play with other children or express their emotions. This might make them feel upset, angry, or very worried. Even though it is normal to have these feelings, some children might need some help so they can play happily with friends. We want to find out if reading Social Stories™ is a good way to help with this.

Why have I been asked to take part?

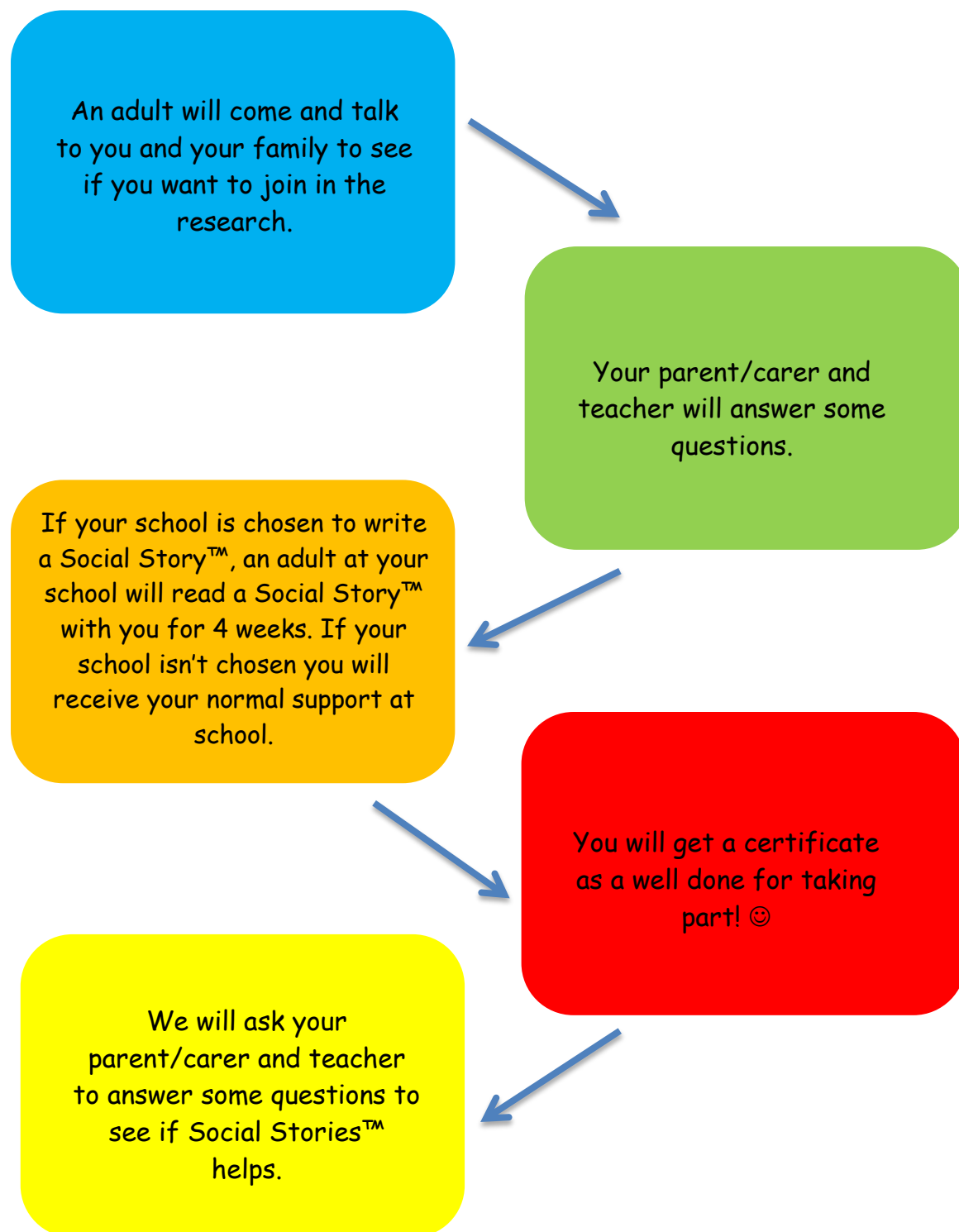
You have been asked to take part because you might enjoy reading Social Stories™ at school.



Do I have to take part?

No. It is your choice to take part in the study. If you decide to take part but then want to stop that is fine. You can stop whenever you want, just tell your parent or teacher.

What will happen to me if I take part?



What happens?

Not all schools will take part in writing and reading a Social Story™ because we want to see if Social Stories™ work. If your school is chosen for Social Stories™ a teacher or teaching assistant you know at your school will read a Social Story™ to you at least 6 times over 4 weeks. After the last session your school may not choose to continue using Social Stories™.

A researcher may also come to your school to watch one of your classes.

If your school isn't selected to write and read a Social™ Story we will ask your teacher and parent/guardian some questions later on and you won't have to do anything else.

What if there is something that you do not like?

If there is a problem you can talk to your parents, teachers at school or any of the researchers.

Thank you for reading this form – you can ask us any questions you like.