



TITLE OF STUDY: Technokids: Exploring Daily Electronic Media Use of Children With and Without Autism

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by and Eric Gilliland, B.A. (Hons.) under the supervision of Dr. Kimberley Babb, Ph.D., from the Department of Psychology at the University of Windsor. The results of this research will form the basis of a Master's thesis. If you have any questions or concerns about this research, please contact Eric Gilliland at technokidstudy@gmail.com or Dr. Babb at kbabb@uwindsor.ca.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY: The present study is being conducted to learn more about the patterns of daily media behaviours, different media devices used, types of content accessed, and types of media activities engaged in by children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (i.e., autism) and children without any mental health diagnoses to understand how their electronic media use might be similar or different.

PROCEDURES: If you choose to participate in this study, you will be asked to complete an online survey. This survey contains questions about background information on yourself, your child, and your family as well as questions about your child's typical behaviours, generally, and behaviours specifically related to how your child uses electronic media in their daily lives. The survey will take about 45-60 minutes to complete.

POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS: The level of risk associated with participating in the present study is considered low and discomfort is unlikely to occur. You are able to withdraw from the study at any time without penalty.

COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATION: As a thank you, parents who complete the survey will have the opportunity to enter a draw for one of twenty \$10 e-gift certificates to Starbucks, Amazon, or Walmart. Please note that the e-gift card is provided in Canadian dollars.

CONFIDENTIALITY: The researchers will keep your responses for this study strictly confidential, meaning we will not share your identifying information with people other than the research personnel for this study without your permission. After a period of time, all of your data will be deleted beyond recovery.

PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL: If you volunteer to be in this study, you may choose to skip questions you do not want to answer and you may withdraw at any time and for any reason before submitting your online survey. Once you submit your survey, you will not be able to withdraw your data.

FEEDBACK OF THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY TO THE PARTICIPANTS: After the study is done, a summary of the results will be posted on various online platforms that you can access easily and anonymously

SUBSEQUENT USE OF DATA: These data may be used in subsequent studies, in publications and in presentations.

RIGHTS OF RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS: You may withdraw your consent at any time. You may stop participating without penalty or impacting any past, present, or future standing with the University of Windsor. This research received ethics clearance through the University of Windsor Research Ethics Board approval #19-058. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, contact: Research Ethics Coordinator, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, N9B 3P4; **Telephone:** 519-253-3000, ext. 3948; **E-mail:** ethics@uwindsor.ca

These are the terms under which I will conduct research.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Gilliland', written over a horizontal line.

Signature of Investigator

May 7, 2019

Date