

## What is this project all about?

This is a research project that runs between July 2017 and September 2019. We want to find out more about how children and young people are involved in decisions about their education. We will be talking to lots of different people that are involved in educational planning so that we can understand different people's experiences. Towards the end of the project we will write reports about what is working well, as well highlighting some of the difficulties that children, young people, families and professionals might face. Then we will make suggestions about how people can better support children and young people to participate in decisions about their education in the future.

## Do I have to take part?

No. You do not have to take part in this. It is up to you to decide if you want to take part or not. Before you decide you may want to talk it through with other people that you trust. **Whatever you decide is OK.** Even if you say 'yes', you can stop at any time. You can stop without telling us why.

# Autonomy, Rights and Children with Special Educational Needs



## Who are we?

We are a group of researchers from the University of Edinburgh and the University of Manchester. A big part of our job involves 'finding out' more about different things so that we can try to help people to better understand a wide range of issues. In this project we are interested in finding out about how children and young people with special educational needs are able to participate in decisions about their education. Find out if you want to take part by reading this leaflet. We are happy to answer your questions.

**What if I have any more questions?** If you have any questions about the project please contact Gail at: [gail.davidge@Manchester.ac.uk](mailto:gail.davidge@Manchester.ac.uk) You can also have a look at our project website and find out more about what we have been doing so far. [www.ed.ac.uk/education/rke/centres/groups/creid/projects/autonomy-rights-sen-asn-children](http://www.ed.ac.uk/education/rke/centres/groups/creid/projects/autonomy-rights-sen-asn-children)

**Who will the research help?** We hope you will enjoy talking to our researchers and sharing your views about supporting children and young people's participation in decisions about their education. This will help us to understand more about what is working well and what is difficult for children and young people. We hope that sharing your experiences will help other people to understand how best to support children and young people to participate in decision-making about their lives.

## How can I be involved?

We would like to talk to children and young people about their right to be involved in making decisions about their education. We want to find out more about how people understand children's and young people's rights and to ask if you feel like people listen to you and take your feelings and wishes in to account. You can let us know what you think by talking to us or taking part in activity that helps you tell us more about making decisions in your daily life.