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Seeking 8-11 year old boys with DCD for a PhD Research Project

A University of Notre Dame doctoral student, Ranila Bhoyroo is undertaking a study exploring how task difficulty levels affect outcomes in children's performance while imagining and performing actions. We have observed that some children experience difficulties imagining and performing actions and this appears to be affected by the difficulty or complexity of the task and the child's level of motor competence. To explore this further, we are seeking boys aged between 8 and 11 years to undertake a number of fun, simple fine motor tasks. We would like to recruit some boys with a high level of motor competence and some with a low level (DCD). Can you help us recruit some participants?

If you know any families with an eligible son, and who might be interested, please ask them to contact Ranila by email: ranila.bhoyroo1@my.nd.edu.au; or phone: 0426976713.

What will the study involve?

The parent and child will need to attend the University of Notre Dame Australia on two occasions. They will be paid a small gratuity to cover expenses such as parking or transport.

On the first visit, the child will complete the McCarron Assessment of Neuromuscular Development (MAND), the same movement competence assessment that we complete with AMPitup applicants. On the second visit, the child will complete eight tasks asking him to imagine or perform movements.

The findings to this study will contribute to our understanding about the causes of movement difficulties. This information may further assist researchers to develop better focussed and consequently more effective interventions.

Please don't hesitate to contact Ranila (details above) or me by email beth.hands@nd.edu.au if you have any further questions. I have also attached the Parent Information Sheet.

Thanks for your consideration

Professor Beth Hands PhD