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Dear Life Study participant,

I am writing to say thank you very much for generously giving of your and your family's time to help us with Life Study.

Unfortunately we have received the very disappointing news that the Research Councils are stopping financial support for Life Study, due to the serious challenges encountered in recruitment.

We are working hard to decide how best to use the information you've kindly donated and although we will not collect any new data from you or anyone else, we would like to use your information to benefit research with children and their families.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter or about the use of your data you can visit the new Life Study website that will be available in January 2016. Alternatively please get in touch on 020 7905 2758 or email info@lifestudy.ac.uk. A member of our team will get back to you as soon as possible.

We greatly valued your participation in Life Study. We all hoped Life Study would continue for much longer to support research aimed at giving children the best start in life. This kind of research is only possible with the generous involvement of parents, children and families – in other words people like you. I very much hope that you and your family do not feel discouraged about taking part in research in the future. If you do want to find out more about supporting or being involved in research, please take a look at <http://www.invo.org.uk/>.

Thank you again for all your help and support for Life Study.

Yours sincerely

Professor Carol Dezateux

Scientific Director of Life Study