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Kids tell us that making decisions can sometimes be hard (anyone who has taken a child to an ice cream shop can attest to this). Adults don't often give children choices and kids tell us that when they do it can be confusing: 'what am I being asked?', 'can I really say no?', 'do they seriously care?' and 'what will happen if I make a decision the adult doesn't like?' are questions that might spring to mind. After all, they tell us that it's not usual for adults to seek out children's views, to let them make big decisions or to give up some of their 'adult power' and act on children's wishes.

And yet children are required to 'assent' to research, often with little information about what research actually is and what they will be required to do. In most cases, they know that their parents have already given permission for them to be involved – which may be reassuring but also a bit daunting (how often is it that kids can say 'no' when their parents have already said 'yes'?) – but in most cases a complete stranger comes into their home or schoolroom and pulls out a note pad and asks them whether they are happy to answer a few questions. "Um OK?"

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