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Do you have a child aged between eight and eleven years old who has Vitiligo?

Children who look different from their friends as result of scarring, a birthmark or a skin condition, may sometimes experience teasing or bullying. Some children seem to have found ways to cope well with these experiences. Researchers from the University of the West of England, Bristol are carrying out extremely valuable work investigating the way families deal with each other and family life when one or more of the members of the family have a visible difference of appearance. The hope is we can learn from the current experiences of families to help other children to deal with difficult experiences in the future.

We are looking for children aged between **eight** and **eleven** years old, who have **Vitiligo** and live in the **Bristol** or **Reading areas**, who can help with this project. Children and parents will be asked to fill out some **questionnaires**. We hope this will be an enjoyable experience. Many children have found being involved in research is a positive experience, giving them a chance to express their own feeling and thoughts.

We have the difficult task of trying to talk to around 120 families, including those who cope well, as well as those who find it harder. Therefore your help would be invaluable. If you are interested in receiving more information about the work, please contact Rebecca Bellew using the details below. By contacting her you are **not** committing yourself and your family to being involved with the work.

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