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**Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group
Tissue Bank (2008 BS 01)
INFORMATION SHEET WHICH CAN BE READ TO CHILDREN AGED LESS
THAN 8 YEARS
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* Note to the reader: please read the whole sheet before reading this to your child and choose the most appropriate words to use for your child.

** Only use if your child has a tumour lump.

Doctors and scientists want to find out why children get *leukaemia/ a tumour/ a lump and work out how to make better medicines and treatments. They need to do special tests, called research, on small samples from children who are ill with illnesses like yours.

All children with *leukaemia/ a tumour/ a lump are being asked to give a small bit of their blood or bone marrow (**and lump) to be kept a 'tumour bank'. This is like a big piggy-bank, where each coin is a little bit of frozen blood or bone marrow or tumour lump given by a child like you. These have to be kept in a special place until the doctors and scientists need them for research.

The blood and bone marrow and **(bit of the tumour or lump) would only be taken when you are having other tests or an operation, so you would not need any extra needles.

What would you like me to do?

We would like you to allow us to keep a small bit of your blood and bone marrow **(and tumour or lump) for research in the future.

What do I have to do?

We are asking you to say 'Yes' or 'No' to the question "Can we keep some of your blood and bone marrow **(and tumour or lump) for scientists to do research?"

Do I have to say yes?

No. You don't.

What will happen if I say 'No'?

If you say no, nobody will mind and your treatment will still be the same. If you say 'Yes' now but decide when you're older that you don't want your blood and bone marrow **(or tumour/lump) to be used for research, then just tell your doctor. Any samples left will be thrown away.

What shall I do now?

Talk with your mum or dad about what you are being asked to do. The doctors and nurses would also be happy to help you if you would like to talk to them.