

## **PARENT INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORMS 2: CASE STUDIES**

### **Research Project Title:** **Exploring Play and Creativity in Pre-Schoolers' Use of Apps**

You are being invited to take part in a research project. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. Thank you for reading this.

#### **What is the project's purpose?**

The aim of this study is to identify pre-school children's (aged 0-5) uses of and responses to tablet apps in terms of the impact on their play and creativity.

#### **Why has my family been chosen?**

We invited parents in Sheffield who completed the survey on tablet apps to volunteer to participate in the case study stage of the research. You were one of the parents who volunteered. The final sample was selected by the research team, to ensure a balance in terms of families and children involved.

#### **Does my family have to take part?**

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep (and be asked to sign a consent form) and you can still withdraw at any time without it affecting any benefits that you are entitled to in any way. You do not have to give a reason.

#### **What will happen to my family if we take part?**

You will be visited four times by a researcher. Each visit will last approximately 1-2 hours. During the visit, You (or another parent/ carer) will be asked questions about your child's uses of technology, particularly tablet apps. You will also be asked questions about your management of your

child's technology and your thoughts about the value of technology. We will observe and film your child using tablet apps. We will ask your child questions about their use of apps and their use of technology in general. We may ask your child to draw or take photographs/ films of her/ his technological activities.

**What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

There are no risks associated with taking part. A potential disadvantage is the time you will devote to the visits from the researcher.

**What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

You and your child may enjoy sharing your views on technology. Participation in the project will enhance understanding of the type of apps that foster play and creativity.

**What happens if the research study stops earlier than expected?**

If this happens, the reasons will be explained to you.

**Will our part in this project be kept confidential?**

All the information that we collect about your family and your child during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. You or your child's name will be changed in any publications. However, because of the use of video recording, anonymity cannot be guaranteed unless you request us not to share the video data.

**Will we be recorded, and how will the recorded media be used?**

You and your child will be recorded using a digital voice recorder. We will use a camcorder to film your child's use of apps. The recordings will be stored encrypted in a repository of the University of Sheffield. A transcript will be made of the audio interviews.

The media will be analysed by the research team conducting this research, which includes researchers at the Universities of Sheffield and Edinburgh,

staff at CBeebies (BBC) and members of the media companies Dubit and Foundling Bird.

On completion of the project, the data will be permanently stored in the UK Data Archive, with your permission. Genuine researchers will have access to and use this data only if they agree to preserve the confidentiality of the information.

### **What will happen to the results of the research project?**

The research projects will lead to publications (reports, journal papers, chapters in books) and conference presentations, written by the research teams.

Genuine researchers accessing the data in the UK Data Archive may use the data in publications, reports, web pages, and other research outputs, only if they agree to preserve the confidentiality of the information.

You will be sent a summary of the findings of the study.

### **Who is organising and funding the research?**

The project is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. The project is organised by Professor Jackie Marsh, University of Sheffield.

### **What if something goes wrong?**

If any problems at all occur in relation to your or your child's participation in the project, either during the project or after it, please contact Professor Jackie Marsh (contact details are below).

If you have a complaint about the conduct of the project, then please contact the Head of the School of Education, Professor Cathy Nutbrown: [educ-hos@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:educ-hos@sheffield.ac.uk)

### **Who has ethically reviewed the project?**

This project has been ethically approved via the University of Sheffield,  
School of Education's ethics review procedure.

**Contact for further information**

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## CONSENT FORM

**Title of project:** Exploring Play and Creativity in Pre-Schoolers' Use of Apps

**Name of researcher:**

### ***Taking part***

**Please  
initial the  
box**

1. I confirm that I have read and understand the information sheet for the above project and have had the opportunity to ask questions.
2. I understand that my family's participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw us at any time without giving any reason.

### ***Use of information for the project***

3. I understand that any family members' responses on audio recordings will be anonymised before analysis. I give permission for members of the research teams outlined in the information sheet to have access to my family members' anonymised responses.
4. I give permission for the anonymised interview data to be used in in publications, reports, web pages, and other research output.
5. I understand that anonymity cannot be guaranteed for the video recordings in that my child's face may be recognisable. I give permission for members of the research team to have access to my child's data on video recordings.
6. I give permission for my child's video data to be used in publications, reports, web pages, and other research outputs. I understand that my child's face may be identifiable in such use of the data, but my child's name will not be made public.

## Use of information beyond the project

7. I agree that my family's and my child's interview data can be archived at the UK Data Archive. I understand that other genuine researchers will have access to this data only if they agree to preserve the confidentiality of the information as requested in this form. I also understand that other genuine researchers may use my child's words in publications, reports, web pages, and other research outputs, only if they agree to preserve the confidentiality of the information as requested in this form.

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8. I agree that my child's video data can be archived at the UK Data Archive. I understand that other genuine researchers will have access to this data only if they agree to preserve the confidentiality of the information as requested in this form. I also understand that other genuine researchers may use my child's data in publications, reports, web pages, and other research outputs, only if they agree to preserve the confidentiality of the information as requested in this form.

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## So we can use the information you provide legally

9. I agree to assign the copyright I hold in any materials related to this project to Professor Jackie Marsh.

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10. I agree that members of my family can take part in the above research project.

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Name of child:

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Name of parent:  
(or legal representative)

Signature:

Date:

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Name of person taking  
consent:  
(if different from the lead  
researcher)

Signature:

Date:

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Lead Researcher:

Signature:

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