

PARENT INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM 1: SURVEY

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 have I been chosen?

You have been selected to participate because you have a child aged between 0-5 who has used tablet apps.

Do I 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.

What will happen to me if I take part?

You will complete an online questionnaire about your child's use of apps.

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 completing the survey.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

You may enjoy sharing your views on technology. Participation in the project will enhance understanding of pre-schoolers' use of apps.

Will my part in this project be kept confidential?

All the information that we collect about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. You or your child's name will be changed in any publications.

How will the survey data be used?

The anonymised survey data will be stored encrypted in a repository of the University of Sheffield.

The anonymised survey responses 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 project will lead to publications (reports, journal papers, chapters in books) and conference presentations, written by the research team.

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.

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 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: edu-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.

Agreement to participate

Please note that if you complete the survey, we accept this as agreement for the following:

Your participation in the project

- For the research team to access and analyse the anonymised survey data.
- For the anonymised survey data to be archived at the UK Data Archive.
- For the anonymised data to be used in publications, reports, web pages, and other research outputs written by the research team.
- For genuine researchers to have access to this data at the UK Data Archive only if they agree to preserve the confidentiality of the information as outlined in this form.
- For genuine researchers to use the data in publications, reports, web pages, and other research outputs, only if they agree to preserve the confidentiality of the information as outlined in this form.

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