

## **PARENT INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORMS 3: SCHOOL-BASED WORK**

### **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 child been chosen?**

We are approaching all parents of children in the Nursery Classes and the Reception classes of your child's primary school to volunteer for the project. We would like to recruit 12 children from these classes in total (6 from each class). If more than 12 families volunteer their children to take part, we will select in consultation with the class teacher to ensure we have a balanced mix of children.

#### **Does my child 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 your child 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 child if she/ he takes part?**

Your child will be invited to use a range of apps on tablet computers during the school day. She/ he will be filmed using the apps across five separate days, for an hour to two hours at a time (approximately 5-10 hours filming in total). Researchers will talk to your child about the apps and about her/ his uses of technology in general, and will record the responses on a voice recorder.

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

There are no risks associated with taking part. A potential disadvantage is that your child will not be taking part in class activities during the filming, unless she or he requests to do so.

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

Your child may enjoy interacting with the apps. 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 my child's taking part in this project be kept confidential?**

All the information that we collect about your child during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. 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 my child be recorded, and how will the recorded media be used?**

Your child will be recorded using a digital voice recorder and a camcorder. 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 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 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: [edu-hos@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto: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.

**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  
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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 child's participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw my child at any time without giving any reason.

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

3. I understand that my child's responses on audio recordings will be anonymised before analysis. I give permission for members of the research team to have access to my child's anonymised responses.
4. I give permission for the anonymised interview data to be used in in publications, reports, web pages, and other research outputs.
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 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.

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 my child 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:

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Lead Researcher:

Signature:

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