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At Home with Children: Learning from Lockdown Phase 2

You are being invited to take part in a research study funded by the UKRI/AHRC Covid-19 Rapid Response call. Before you decide whether or not you wish to take part it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please read this information carefully and discuss it with your family. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. If you do decide to take part, you will be asked to sign a consent form. However, you are free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason.

1. Why have I been invited to take part?

You have been invited to take part in phase 2 of the study because you or someone in your home filled in the relevant option on the phase 1 Questionnaire and shared an email address with the research team. You will be one of up to 60 other households that will participate in phase 2.

2. What is the purpose of the research?

The idea of a 'new normal' that includes schooling and working from home demands a re-think of domestic space design. With a focus on the COVID-19 outbreak, this study aims to understand what 'liveable' domestic space means for families with children, under pandemic conditions. We explore what lessons can be learned from our lockdown experiences and how they can inform the ways we re-imagine our homes. To what extent has your home supported the various needs of your family? Have you made changes to the ways you use your home, or to the spaces themselves, since the pandemic began? As part of this exploration, the study will also examine the role of domestic space in alleviating and/or exacerbating the psychological and social impacts of COVID-19 on children and young people, as experienced by families.

By taking part in this study, you will help us to learn from your family's experiences in order to a) share good practice with other families for immediate, direct impact b) inform policy-makers and housing professionals where to target resources for short-medium term impact and c) test and inform domestic design guidance and space standards for long-term impact.

The study has four phases, starting with a large-scale survey and ending with a smaller-scale sample of households for in-depth understanding of the family dwelling from the viewpoint of both children and adults. This information sheet provides details about your participation in phase 2.

3. What does taking part in phase 2 involve?

Participation in Phase 2 involves a one-time interview with all available family members (adults and children) wishing to take part. The interview will take place online (using a link to Microsoft Teams that we will email to you) and will last for around 1 hour. A member of our research team will make sure the interview is arranged at a date and time convenient for you.

Households will be sent simple prompts for reflection in advance of the interview. You will each be asked to take photographs of the places at home that became important and/or were used in new ways during the COVID-19 lockdown. During the interview we will ask you all to talk about these photographs and reflections. Our discussion will explore the spatial arrangements/changes your family made, the motivations for these changes and the opportunities or limits of your home space for your family life.



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Everyone (both children and adults) is welcome to join in with the discussion at any point. However, during the last 10/15 minutes of the interview, children will be invited to talk about their favourite/least favourite spaces during lockdown.

After our interview, we will send you age-appropriate booklets which, if you want, you can use to draw or write about these places, or maybe add anything you didn't say in our chat. You will be asked to send back any filled booklets digitally or by post after the interview (Stamped addressed envelopes can be provided).

All adult participants and children/young people 14+ years old will need to consent to participation and sign the written consent form. Verbal consent will be sought from each child separately. Any children younger than 14 years present during the interviews will be asked for verbal consent before data collection starts. All participants will be able to withdraw at any stage and the researcher will check at intervals that everyone gives consent to continue.

4. What are the possible benefits of taking part?

The study is intended to have a long-term benefit, resulting in policy recommendations for housing design and standards that will be relevant across both England and Scotland.

In the short to medium term, the project will share the ideas, tactics and spatial changes that families have found helpful at home, so that you and others might be able to benefit from these ideas. Proposed 'Home Hacks', alongside the diverse ideas generated through the At Home with Children social media community, will form the basis of the 'Home Hack Liveability Toolkit' on our project website site <https://athomewithchildren.ac.uk/>. These ideas have the potential to help alleviate the psychological and social impacts of enforced proximities, which can sometimes conflict in the home.

An amazon voucher of £25 per family will also be sent to compensate you for your time and thank you for your Participation.

5. What information will be collected and who will have access to the information collected?

We will use your name and contact details [email] to contact you about the research study. We will collate any photos that you share and any drawings produced during our discussion. The interview discussion will be recorded through the Microsoft Teams software. We will store this file securely only until the end of this study (July 2022). Then we will destroy it. You can withdraw your consent and request your information be destroyed at any time.

Information you provide that could identify you will be held securely with strict arrangements about who can access the information. More specifically, your audio recordings will be anonymized and stored on encrypted, password-protected Newcastle University software and will be used for the purposes of this study only. All transcriptions will be anonymized. The original (non-anonymized) recordings and your contact details will be stored on encrypted, password-protected Newcastle University software and will be destroyed at the end of this study (July 2022).

If you agree to take part in this study, some of the data collected (interview transcriptions, photographs) will be processed, de-identified and made available as "open data" through a research data repository [UK DATA Service's ReShare (<https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/deposit-data/how-to/self-deposit-to-reshare.aspx>) as well as Newcastle University's and Dundee University's open data repository data (<https://figshare.libguides.com/figshare-for-institutions-end-user-guide/home>) and Discovery (<https://discovery.dundee.ac.uk/en/>) respectively]. This means the de-identified processed study data will be publicly available and may be used for purposes not related to this study. **It will not be possible to identify you** from the "open data". Your information will only be used by organisations and researchers to conduct research.

6. Has this study received ethical approval?

The study follows both Newcastle University's and Dundee University's ethics guidelines and has received ethical approval from Newcastle University [Ref: 9317/2020].

7. What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

There are minimal risks and disadvantages in taking part. According to this projects' risk assessment [approved by Newcastle University Ref: 9317/2020] the primary risk for the participants is possible discomfort occurring from the use of a computer



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for the interview. In order to alleviate this risk we will make sure that the interview is around one hour maximum and that you are fully aware that you can terminate the interview at any time.

Regarding your data, the research team follows diligently all the Newcastle and Dundee Universities procedures in place to ensure your anonymity and protect your privacy (please read section 5 above).

8. Who is the sponsor and data controller for this research?

This research is funded by the UKRI/AHRC Covid-19 Rapid Response Fund [Grant number: AH/V014943/1]. Newcastle University is the data controller for this research. Newcastle University will be using information from you in order to undertake this study and will act as the data controller for this study. This means that Newcastle University is responsible for looking after your information and using it properly. The lawful basis for carrying out this study under GDPR is Task in the Public Interest, (Article 6,1e) as research is cited as part of the University's duties.

Your right to access, change or move your information are limited, as Newcastle University need to manage our information in specific ways in order for the research to be reliable and accurate. If you withdraw from the study, Newcastle University will keep the information about you that has already been obtained unless requested otherwise. To safeguard your rights, the minimum personally identifiable information will be used.

You can find out more about how Newcastle University uses your information at [\[https://www.ncl.ac.uk/data.protection/dataprotectionpolicy/privacynotice/\]](https://www.ncl.ac.uk/data.protection/dataprotectionpolicy/privacynotice/) and/or by contacting their Data Protection Officer [Maureen Wilkinson, rec-man@ncl.ac.uk].

9. Who should I contact for further information relating to the research?

Dr Alkistis Pitsikali: alkistis.pitsikali@newcastle.ac.uk (Newcastle University)

10. Who should I contact in order to file a complaint?

Prof. Rosie Parnell, rosie.parnell@newcastle.ac.uk (Newcastle University) Dr Sandra Costa Santos, s.costasantos@dundee.ac.uk (Dundee University)

If you wish to raise a complaint on how your personal data is handled, you can contact the Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter: Maureen Wilkinson, rec-man@ncl.ac.uk. If you are not satisfied with their response you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO): <https://ico.org.uk/>