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## At Home with Children: Learning from Lockdown - Phase 3

### Hello!

We are Husam and Heba.

We would like to invite you to take part in our research project called: 'At Home with Children'. We would very much appreciate your help, but only you can decide whether or not you want to take part. To help you decide, please take your time to read this leaflet about the research and talk about it with your family. Even if you agree to take part now, you can stop any time you want to!

### What is the research for?

We are researchers who want to make homes better for families. We are very interested to find out how children and their families have used their homes during the lockdown when they haven't had to go into school.

When our study has finished, we will share our findings with the people making policies for houses so better homes are built in the future. We will also make a toolkit with all the tips families share with us, to help other families to live more comfortably.

### What will I have to do?

This time we will meet with up to 4 other children who we also interviewed with their families - just like you! We will only meet once. Our chat will last about an hour. We will record our chat to help us remember what you told us. No one else apart from our research team will listen to the recording and we will delete it after we have written it down. This meeting is what people call a 'focus group'. A focus group is when different people come together to answer questions and talk about a specific topic. We will focus on the changes you made in your home or your own room during lockdown. You will be able to share your stories and ideas with the other children. We will then try to put all these different stories together to make some drawings showing your ideas. Maybe there was somewhere where you liked to be with family or connect with friends. Maybe you used a kitchen table or a desk to do your schoolwork? Maybe you had other ideas but they weren't possible to do?

If you prefer to have someone from your family with you, let us know and we will make an adult-children focus group instead!

### What if I get bored or tired?

You can withdraw any time you feel like it! If you get bored or tired or for any other reason you want to stop being part of our discussion you can tell us, or just stop! If there is any problem during our discussion that makes you or anyone else uncomfortable we would like to know so we can fix it.

### We hope you will join us!