

Children's technology usage.

Information Sheet

You are being invited to participate in a research study. Before you decide if you wish to take part, it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and if you would like more information or if there is anything that you do not understand, please contact us using the contact information below. Please also feel free to discuss with others if you wish. Thank you for reading this.

What is the purpose of the study?

The study is being completed by Megan Archer, as part of a PhD project at the University of Central Lancashire and is being completed under the supervision of Matthew Horton and Janet Read. The aim of this study is to gather information regarding children Technology usage at a young age. This information will support the direction of future studies to explore Children's development through the use of Technology.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You are receiving an invitation to participate because the school your child attends have given their consent to participate in studies with this PhD project. The school has agreed to forward information to you about this study on Megan Archers behalf. You have been sent a participant letter for you to consent to your child participating in an in-person study at the school. However, alongside this it would be useful if you could complete a quick online survey to do with your child's technology usage. You do not have to consent to your child being involved in the research to participate in the online study yourself. The answers you provide will be useful with or without your child's data.

To be eligible to take part in the study participants need to meet the following criteria:

- You are aged 18 and over.
- You have at least 1 child in nursery/primary school.
- You have Parental Responsibility for the child.

What will happen if I take part?

The study involves taking part in an online questionnaire, which will be completed anonymously. The questionnaire asks 14 sets of questions on your child's technology usage and should take approximately 10 minutes to complete, depending on how much information you choose to share. Before you complete the questionnaire, you will be asked to read and consent to a series of statements before proceeding.

Do I have to take part?

No, it is entirely up to you if you want to take part or not. Participation in the study is voluntary. If you do decide to take part, all questions are optional so you may omit any questions. You will be able to withdraw at any point for any reason before submitting your answers by closing the questionnaire browser.

How will my data be used?

We will not collect or process any personal data. All data you provide will be completely anonymous, which means that no-one could use any reasonable means to identify you from the data.

The questionnaire will be downloaded from Qualtrics and the answers you provide will be held securely and will be password encrypted and stored in a password-protected electronic file on the UCLan's secure servers.

The answers that you provide will be accessible to the student and supervisory team at UCLan and will be compiled into numeric data on excel. The responses will be kept for 7 years and then destroyed, in line with University policy.

Are there any risks in taking part?

There are no perceived risks or disadvantages involved.

Are there any benefits from taking part?

There are no anticipated direct benefits to you. However, we hope that the collective responses may lead to a better understanding about children's technology usage for the PhD project carried out by Megan Archer.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The results may be used in publications of papers to certain professional journals and in the PhD thesis of Megan Archer. It is difficult to share results with participants as you are participating this your study anonymously. However, if a summary of results will be shared with the school after the study has ended.

What will happen if I want to stop taking part?

As this study is completely anonymous it is not possible to withdraw your data once you have submitted your responses. When you select have completed the questionnaire, the data will be submitted. Up until this point, you can stop at any time by closing the browser and data provided to that point will not be saved.

Who can I contact if I have further questions?

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Please scan the QR code with your phone to access the questionnaire.

OR

The website address;

https://uclan.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6id2GM4VVR_TAKOy