



Information sheet for:

At Home with Children: Learning from Lockdown

– Phase 1A-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. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Have you made changes to the ways you use your home, or to the spaces in your home, since the pandemic began?

We would like to invite you to share pictures of your lockdown ‘Home Hacks’!

We are interested in photographs that show the different ways in which you have used or changed your own home during the pandemic (workstations, home-schooling, play areas etc.). These photographs should not include people and will become visible (anonymized) on the project’s website:

<https://athomewithchildren.ac.uk> and social media.

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.



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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.

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

The information you provide will only be used for the purpose of research. It will not be used to make decisions about future services available to you. Your anonymised research data and photographs may be published as a report. You will not be identifiable in any publication.

The pictures you upload with public view privacy settings to the website or social media spaces will be publicly available and your social media username will potentially be visible.

! Please be aware that no separate consent form is being provided for this phase of this study. The research team will assume consent upon submission of any photographs and associated text!

Individuals at Newcastle University may look at your research data to check the accuracy of the research study. The only individuals at Newcastle University who will have access to information that identifies you will be individuals who need to contact you to arrange and conduct the interview. Your name and contact details will only be used for the purpose of research, or to contact you about future opportunities to participate in this research. It will not be used to make decisions about future services available to you.

Information you provide that could identify you will be held securely with strict arrangements about who can access the information. More specifically, your photographs will be anonymized and stored on encrypted, password-protected Newcastle University software and will be used for purposes of this research only. 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.ncl (<https://figshare.libguides.com/figshare-for-institutions-end-user-guide/home> ; <https://data.ncl.ac.uk/>) 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.

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 Committee on 19/02/2021 [Ref: 9317/2020].



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 rights to access, change or move your information are limited, as Newcastle University need to manage your 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/>] and/or by contacting their Data Protection Officer [Maureen Wilkinson, rec-man@ncl.ac.uk].

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

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Who should I contact in order to file a complaint?

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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/>