



Information sheet for:

At Home with Children: Learning from Lockdown Phase 3

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 3 of the study because you participated in phase 2 and your experiences and ideas are of particular interest for this study. We are running focus groups to bring together people from the different families that took part in the phase 2 interviews.

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.

3. What does taking part in phase 3 involve?

Participation in phase 3 involves a one-time focus group with a maximum of 5 people from other families with similar 'challenge scenarios' as identified in phase 2. The interview will take place through Microsoft Teams software and will not exceed 1 hour and 30 minutes in total. An invite with a link for the meeting will be emailed to you. A member of our research team will make sure the focus group is arranged at a date and time convenient for all participants.



***During the focus group:** you and participants from other families will chat with a researcher about the similar challenges that you experienced with/in your home during lockdown and the changes that you might have made to your home to cope with challenges. You will discuss and feedback on ideas for a home toolkit that could help other people to create more 'liveable' homes, which can cope with common challenges.*

***After the focus group:** you will be sent a booklet of drawings/images and notes to comment on that we will produce in response to the focus group findings. This will inform the final version of our 'home hack toolkit'.*

4. What are the possible benefits of taking part?

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. The 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 <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.

The study is also 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.

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 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.

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. Your anonymised research data may be published as a report. You will not be identifiable in any publication.

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.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.



6. Has this study received ethical approval?

This 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].

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 [reviewed by Newcastle's University Ethics committee on [19/02/2021, Ref: 9317/2020] the primary risk for the participants is possible discomfort occurring from the use of a computer 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 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].

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

Dr Husam Abo Kanon: husam.kanon@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/>