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What are parent views on home learning of Reception children during the Covid-19 Pandemic?

PARENT INFORMATION STATEMENT

(1) What is this study about?

You are invited to take part in a research study about home learning during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This study will specifically explore Reception parent/carer views of home learning because you have been involved in the delivery of the home learning resources made by teachers and other online educational platforms. You have been invited to participate in this study you are a Reception parent of a child in my class. This Participant Information Statement tells you about the research study. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want to take part in the study. Please read this sheet carefully and ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.

Participation in this research study is voluntary. By giving consent to take part in this study you are telling us that you:

- ✓ Understand what you have read.
- ✓ Agree to take part in the research study as outlined below.
- ✓ Agree to the use of your personal information as described.
- ✓ You have received a copy of this Participant Information Statement to keep.

(2) Who is running the study?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers:

Joanna Watson, UEA Post Graduate Research Student in Educational Practice and Research under the supervision of Helen Treford, UEA Lecturer in Education

(3) What will the study involve for me?

You will be asked to complete a short online survey which will ask you questions about what you think about the resources and online platforms that have been available to help you to deliver home learning during school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ✓ The questionnaire will consist of multiple choice questions, drop down yes/no questions, rating scales and short comment boxes for you to add any of additional comments if you wish to.

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(4) How much of my time will the study take?

The Questionnaire will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. There are 9 questions which have been set out in a quick and easy way to reduce your time commitment when answering them

(5) Do I have to be in the study? Can I withdraw from the study once I've started?

Being in this study is completely voluntary and you do not have to take part. Your decision whether to participate will not affect your current or future relationship with the researchers or anyone else at the University of East Anglia or Eaton Primary School.

If you decide to take part in the study, you will be unable to withdraw after you submit your answers to the survey. This is because your responses will be anonymised and will therefore be untraceable back to you.

(6) Are there any risks or costs associated with being in the study?

Aside from giving up your time, we do not expect that there will be any risks or costs associated with taking part in this study.

(7) Are there any benefits associated with being in the study?

Due to the unprecedented nature of home schooling during the COVID-19 pandemic, this study will help me to improve online provision for parents delivering home learning.

The results from this study will also be used to help teachers to improve these remote systems for parents/carers if needed in any future pandemics and to explore whether we can take anything learnt from parent/carer views of home-schooling during the pandemic to apply to our future practice when life and education returns to 'normal'. It may also help other education professionals to plan home learning

(8) What will happen to information about me that is collected during the study?

- ✓ Parent feedback and information will be anonymised.
- ✓ The survey will be conducted via the online survey platform Microsoft Forms.
- ✓ All personal information will be kept confidential.
- ✓ Participants will be able to access any of their personal information collected at any time.
- ✓ The study results will be published in a student thesis.
- ✓ Electronic data will be stored by Miand will only be accessible by researchers.
- ✓ Data will be retained whilst completing the study, but will thereafter be destroyed.

By providing your consent, you are agreeing to us collecting personal information about you for the purposes of this research study. Your information will only be used for the purposes outlined in this Participant Information Statement, unless you consent otherwise.

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Data management will follow the 2018 General Data Protection Regulation Act and the University of East Anglia Research Data Management Policy (2019).

Your information will be stored securely and your identity/information will be kept strictly confidential, except as required by law. Study findings may be published, but you will **not** be identified in these publications if you decide to participate in this study. In this instance, data will be stored for a period of 10 years and then destroyed.

(9) What if I would like further information about the study?

When you have read this information, Joanna Watson will be available to discuss it with you further and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to know more at any stage during the study, please feel free to contact Joanna Watson, Class Teacher and lead researcher, j.watson3@uea.ac.uk, 07821145327.

(10) Will I be told the results of the study?

You have the right to receive feedback about the overall results of this study. You can access feedback by picking up a summary of findings from Miss Watson. This feedback will be in the form of a one-page summary. If you wish, you can opt-in to access this feedback by the end of the Autumn term on 17th December. You can request this by emailing j.watson3@uea.ac.uk.

(11) What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the study?

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved under the regulations of the University of East Anglia's School of Education and Lifelong Learning Research Ethics Committee.

If there is a problem, please let me know. You can contact me via the University at the following address:

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If you would like to speak to someone else you can contact my supervisor:

Helen Trelford, h.trelford@uea.ac.uk

If you are concerned about the way this study is being conducted or you wish to make a complaint to someone independent from the study, please contact the Head of the School of Education and Lifelong Learning, Professor Nalini Boodhoo at N.Boodhoo@uea.ac.uk.

(12) OK, I want to take part – what do I do next?

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If you are happy and consent to take part in the study simply access the questionnaire at this website

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPage.aspx?origin=shell#FormId=m57xDaxK7UOCBtSKnTtOcoPeEuyDe5Ao75tbjD8jw1UNDMxTkdSMk00VDc5VjhJTjFSTFJPOVc5Wi4u>

and answer the questions. By submitting your responses, you are agreeing to the researcher using the data collected for the purposes described above. Please keep the information sheet for your information.

- ✓ I understand the purpose of the study, what I will be asked to do, and any risks/benefits involved.
- ✓ I have read the Participant Information Statement and have been able to discuss my involvement in the study with the researchers if I wished to do so.
- ✓ The researchers have answered any questions that I had about the study and I am happy with the answers.
- ✓ I understand that being in this study is completely voluntary and I do not have to take part. My decision whether to be in the study will not affect my relationship with the researcher or anyone else at the University of East Anglia now or in the future.
- ✓ I understand that as I am completing an anonymous questionnaire I cannot withdraw my data from the study once the questionnaire has been submitted.
- ✓ I understand that personal information about me that is collected over the course of this project will be stored securely and will only be used for purposes that I have agreed to.
- ✓ I understand that information about me will only be told to others with my permission, except as required by law.
- ✓ I understand that the results of this study may be published. Although every effort will be made to protect your identity, there is a risk that you might be identifiable due to the nature of the study and/or results

This information sheet is for you to keep

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