

## **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

Central University Research Ethics Committee Approval Reference: **R76800/RE001**

### **1. Introductory paragraph**

We are inviting your child to take part in a research study at the University of Oxford in the Department of Computer Science. Before you decide if you would like your child to join in, it is important to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with your child if you wish. If there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information, please feel free to give us a call and we can discuss it with you.

### **2. Why is this research being conducted?**

YouTube has been one of the most used platforms by children, however, children and parents are sometimes unaware of the data collection practices on the YouTube platform. We would like to investigate better design implications for children on the YouTube platform. What control and transparency mechanisms would be favourable and helpful for them, and what other support would be desirable.

### **3. Why has your child been invited to take part?**

Your child has been identified as a potential participant as we are recruiting children between the age of 7 and 13 and have some experience with the YouTube platform (spending at least 2 hours per week on YouTube). In total we aim to recruit 20 participants, with 10 from the age between 7 and 10 and another 10 from 11-13. From our previous research, we found that children starting at the age of 7 were well capable of understanding and articulating their own data practice choices, and age 13 is the minimum age to have an account as claimed by YouTube.

### **4. Does your child have to take part?**

No. It is up to you to decide whether or not your child should take part. You can withdraw your child from the study, without giving a reason, by advising me/ us of this decision. The deadline by which you can withdraw any information your child has contributed to the research is [30 June 2022]. All data that has already been collected will be erased if you decide to withdraw.

### **5. What will happen to my child if I decide that they can take part in the research?**

Participants will be invited to participate in the design workshop within the Department of Computer Science, University of Oxford. All children participants will be asked to team up and complete a series of design tasks with the researchers (with at least two researchers present for safeguarding). Children will team up and be guided through a series of design tasks to explore their own design choices for better data practices on the YouTube platform (approximately 90 minutes). A consent form will be provided to both you and your children before the start of the study. With your consent, we would like to audio and video record your child's design sessions (including the photograph of their drawings) so we can have an accurate record of our conversation.

### **6. What are the possible disadvantages and risks in taking part?**

There are no known risks to take part in the study. We have mechanisms in place to ensure safeguarding of your child and that information collected during the study will be de-identified, and

not disclosed to anyone besides named below. Also all study procedures will strictly follow the University's Covid guidelines.

**7. Are there any benefits in taking part?**

Your children will learn about how datafication practices work on YouTube (as well as other social media platforms). And through hands-on designing, they will have better idea on how to protect their data online.

**8. Expenses and payments**

All reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed. A small gift voucher will be provided as a thank-you gift.

**9. What information will be collected and why is the collection of this information relevant for achieving the research objectives?**

Consent records, and contact details (for the purpose of this research & for future use) will be collected from participants online, and stored electronically in password-protected folders on the research team's OneDrive within the University network.

Video and audio recordings, as well as photographs of children's drawings will be transferred from the recording device to be stored as password-protected files on folders on the research team's OneDrive within the University network. They will then be deleted from the original recording device. A researcher from the team will transcribe the audio recordings. The audio recording held by the researchers will then be deleted. The transcription will be stored as a Word file on encrypted OneDrive folders within the University network

**10. Will the research be published? Could I be identified from any publications or other research outputs?**

The findings from the research will/may be written up in a thesis/academic publications/conference presentation. The participants would not be identifiable from the outputs. We would like your permission to use direct quotations of your children but without identifying them in any research outputs. A copy of the thesis/ dissertation will be deposited both in print and online in the [Oxford University Research Archive](#) where it will be publicly available to facilitate its use in future research.

**11. Data Protection**

The University of Oxford is the data controller with respect to your personal data, and as such will determine how your personal data is used in the study. The University will process your personal data for the purpose of the research outlined above. Research is a task that is performed in the public interest. Further information about your rights with respect to your personal data is available from <https://compliance.admin.ox.ac.uk/individual-rights>.

**12. Who has reviewed this study?**

This study has received ethics approval from a subcommittee of the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee. (Ethics reference: **R76800/RE001**).

**13. Who do I contact if I have a concern about the research or I wish to complain?**

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, please contact [oxfordccai@cs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:oxfordccai@cs.ox.ac.uk), and we will do our best to answer your query. We will acknowledge your concern within 10 working days and give you an indication of how it will be dealt with. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please contact the Chair of the relevant Research Ethics Committee at the University of Oxford who will seek to resolve the matter as soon as possible:

The Chair, Computer Science Departmental Research Ethics Committees

Email: [ethics@cs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ethics@cs.ox.ac.uk); Address: Research Services, University of Oxford, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD

#### 14. Further Information and Contact Details

If you would like to discuss the research with someone beforehand (or if you have questions afterwards), please contact:

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