

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking for children and their parents to take part in a research study: *Born in Covid Year – Core Lockdown Effects* (BICYCLE). We want to see if Covid lockdowns affected children’s talking and thinking skills.

Here is some information about what the study involves for you and your child. Please read this information carefully.

Your child may take part at school/nursery if they were born between:

March 23rd 2020 and June 23rd 2020



What is the study about?

We want to know how children *born-in-lockdown* and *born-after-lockdown* are doing now they are 4 years old. We are interested in their talking and thinking skills.



What will we have to do if we take part?

The study will take place at your child’s school/nursery. We will see your child 3 times. At each session your child will play some fun games with us. These games are about talking and thinking. Each session will last up to 45 minutes. But we will fit in with your child and your child’s school.



You will also need to fill in questionnaires about your child and your household. These will take 1 hour and 30 minutes. We can support you with this.



Are there any advantages or disadvantages in taking part?

You will get a £30 shopping voucher if you and your child complete the study. We hope your child will find the study interesting and fun.

Your child will spend some time playing the games and you will fill in the questionnaires. We don’t think there are other



disadvantages. However, taking part is completely up to you. If you or your child want to stop taking part, you can.

Will the information be private?

Yes. All the information you give us will be kept secure and private. Only the researchers will see your details.



Can I find out more about taking part?

Yes of course. Please click on this link *HERE*:

https://cityunilondon.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4J8gKqnO4UndAnI

Here you will see an expression of interest form. Please fill this in and we will send you more information about the study.

Do you have a QR code?

Yes, it is here:



You can email us with any questions: bicycle@city.ac.uk

Thank you for reading this!

Best wishes,



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