

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS AND CARERS: Dream Lockdown competition entries

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Understanding Futures through Covid-19

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Your child wants to enter a competition called Dream Lockdown! Which forms part of a research project from King's College London. This information sheet tells you a bit more about the study, and what will happen if they win.

Before you decide whether you want to give permission for your child to take part in the research and competition, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what their participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

A bit more about the research study:

We are a group of researchers at King's College London, interested in understanding the kind of worlds young people want to live in in the future. In the middle of our research, we have found ourselves in a rather dystopic present with the Covid-19 pandemic. We are therefore inviting young people to take part in arts-based activities that try to understand how the lockdown, social distancing, and the pandemic itself has affected young people's health and wellbeing, as well as their hopes and fears for the future.

One of the ways we have been doing this is by inviting young people to build their dream lockdown scenario in Minecraft and then tell us a little bit about how this compares to the place they have lived during the pandemic. We have asked them to do this as part of a competition. Their entry itself will contribute to the study as research data so that we have

a better idea of how the built environment has been affecting young people in Lambeth and Southwark during the pandemic. We will give them a certificate to say thank you no matter how they do in the competition. A small group of winners will be selected to be showcased on our online Covid-19 Time Capsule, which we hope will help other young people and policy makers to understand how the pandemic has affected young people's wellbeing, and to think about how the world should be changed to help young people living in Lambeth and Southwark. As a thank you for their entries, winners will also receive a prize, including the first prize of a laptop, and runner up prizes including Minecoin vouchers and Minecraft build guides.

Why your child?

We would love to receive your child's Minecraft entry because they are a young person living, studying or attending a youth centre or Library in Lambeth or Southwark. We want to hear their voice through Minecraft about what kind of future society they would like to live in to improve their health and wellbeing, and how this has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

What happens if you agree for your child to take part?

If you agree for your child to take part by allowing them to submit their Minecraft build as a competition entry then their build and their responses about how this differs to their current environment will be used as research data. We will remove their and your name from their Minecraft build and use the design and your child's responses to illustrate to other researchers, the public, and policy makers how the pandemic has been affecting young people in Lambeth and Southwark with research reports and conferences.

If you agree to this, we will ask you to sign the consent form provided and ask your child to attach it to their competition entry. We will then email you a copy which we have signed for you to keep.

The anonymised entries will then be shared with a judge from the London Design Council. If your child is selected as a winner or a runner up then your child could win a laptop or a runner up prize, and have their work showcased as part of a COVID-19 Time Capsule on our open-access website: www.utopianow.co.uk. We will ask you now about your thoughts on if and how you would like your child's work to be showcased – we can do it with or without identifying them. You and your child can decide this, and it won't affect their eligibility for the prizes. If your child does get selected to be part of the Time Capsule, we will get back in touch to double check with you both if and how you would like your child's work displayed online.

Do they have to take part?

No, they do not. It is completely up to you and them whether they decide to submit their Minecraft build into the competition, and therefore whether their Minecraft design gets

used as research data. You and your child will also be able to decide if and how you and they want their work to be showcased online if they win. We will get back in touch with you before we publish anything online and we will ask you again if and when your child wins the competition if you still want your child's work to be used as research data and if and how you want it disseminated online.

Can you or your child withdraw from the study after you have signed the consent form?

Yes – up to four weeks after the competition closes. If you or your child change your mind and don't want to take part after signing the forms, you can still withdraw your consent without giving a reason by contacting the researchers whose contact details are at the beginning of this information sheet. However, after four weeks from the competition close date we will have committed the data to research reports. If you withdraw from the study within the four weeks, we will then delete all the information we have about your child, including their Minecraft build, and all we will keep is a record of your withdrawal of consent. However, if this is before the winners have been judged, this will also withdraw your child from the competition.

If your child wins the competition and you do not agree for their work to be published online after they have submitted their entry then this will not disadvantage them in the competition in any way; they will still be entitled to any prizes they have won.

What are the possible risks of taking part?

This is a low risk study, but we understand that talking about how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected their wellbeing and their hopes for the future may be an emotive topic for young people. We hope that the competition and online Covid-19 Time Capsule will provide a supportive environment to showcase young people's experiences and thoughts. But we have also listed a number of places for support for both adults and young people at the end of this information sheet in case you or your child would like further support.

The only other risk is that we will be holding data about your child's thoughts on how the pandemic has affected young people's wellbeing and hopes and fears for the future. However, this data will not have their name attached (unless you and they decide otherwise) and any evidence that they took part in this study (such as the consent forms) will be held in a secure place in the university or in a secure online university file which is password protected.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

If you and your child continue to decide to take part then your child will be able to contribute to a research project which is specifically trying to understand what young people from Lambeth and Southwark want in the future. If you decide to have their work showcased online then this will contribute to an online Time Capsule which will help other

young people and the public to understand how young people have been experiencing the pandemic. In the long term we hope that this research begins to change research agendas in universities such as King's College London and local policy. We also hope that the Minecraft activity has been a fun and engaging educational opportunity for your child.

What happens to the results of this study?

We will collect all the information together with data from some other activities we are doing to feed into an immediate policy response on how local authorities can support young people during the pandemic. We will also compare young people's hopes and fears to the futures already being created and imagined by healthcare researchers. We will then communicate these findings to shape decisions about what kind of research they should do and how local policy makers should respond.

Does anyone know your child is doing this?

The people in our research team are the only people that will know your child is taking part, unless they have decided to tell anybody else. Any time we write or talk about your child, we will ensure we do not use their name or things which could identify them such as their school or physical description. None of this stops you or your child telling other people that they have taken part in the study – you and your child are welcome to talk about this study with whoever you like.

There are only two reasons why your child may be identifiable beyond the research team:

- a. If they use their real name for their Minecraft alias (this is very uncommon), or if anyone, such as their friends, recognise their Minecraft alias whilst they are also working on the same Minecraft server to take part in the competition.
- b. If you and they choose to use their name or photograph when showcasing their work on the website – but you do not have to consent to this. In your consent form and their entry form for the competition, we will ask you both whether you would like your child's work to be showcased on an open-access website (www.utopianow.co.uk) if they win. We will ask you both whether your child would like to showcase their work at all, and if this would be with a first, full name or pseudonym, and with or without a photo. We will ask you both about this again if and when they win the competition to ensure none of you have changed your minds.

How will we store and use the data we collect about your child?

The data will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR). We will store all personal data (telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, postal addresses, entry forms, and consent forms) in a password-protected and encrypted online storage repository. We will keep the research data (your child's Minecraft build and their responses to questions about how this differs from their current environment) separately in

another encrypted, password protected online folder, so that this does not have any names attached. There will be a separate file linking the two in case you want your child to have their work showcased, or withdraw from the study. We will hold all the research data for 7 years after the study ends on April 30th 2021. We will only contact you and your child about the results of this study and personal data will only be shared within the research team, and not with third parties.

The only time we may do so is if you and your child explicitly consent for their work to be showcased on the open-access online COVID-19 Time Capsule. We will ask you both now and if they win if and how you would like this to happen.

We will also have to share anonymised data with the judge of the competition from London's Design Council. However, they will not have any access to any of your child's personal data – only their build, and your child's Minecraft alias. Blockbuilders, the team we are working with to set up the Minecraft competition, and other participants on the Minecraft server, will also be able to see what your child builds and their Minecraft alias.

Data Protection Statement

The data controller for this project will be King's College London (KCL). The University will process you and your child's personal data for the purpose of the research outlined above. The legal basis for processing your and your child's personal data for research purposes under GDPR is a 'task in the public interest'. You can provide your consent for the use of your and your child's personal data in this study by completing the consent form that has been provided to you.

You have the right to access information held about you or your child. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation. You also have other rights including rights of correction, erasure, objection, and data portability. Questions, comments and requests about your or your child's personal data can also be sent to the King's College London Data Protection Officer Mr Albert Chan info-compliance@kcl.ac.uk. If you wish to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office, please visit www.ico.org.uk.

What if you have further questions, or if you want to talk to someone about the study?

If this study has harmed you or your child in any way or if you wish to make a complaint about the conduct of the study you can contact King's College London using the details below for further advice and information:

The Chair,
BDM Research Ethics Sub-Committee,

rec@kcl.ac.uk

What if you have questions or want to talk to someone about the study?

You can talk to anyone you want to about this research. We are also very happy to answer your questions. You can contact us by email, phone, post, or text - our contact details are at the top of this sheet.

Support networks for adults locally and nationally:

Lambeth Coronavirus support: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/get-support-for-yourself-or-a-vulnerable-person>

Southwark coronavirus support: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/public-health/for-the-public/coronavirus>

Mind: <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

Support networks for young people locally and nationally:

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk> or call 0800 1111 9am-midnight

Young Minds: <https://youngminds.org.uk> If you need urgent help text YM to 85258

Lambeth Coronavirus support: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/youngpeople-coronavirus>

The Nest Southwark (wellbeing support) <https://www.thenestsouthwark.org.uk/young-people/>

For a full list of national support for coronavirus and mental health visit:

<https://hypekcl.com/covid-19-coronavirus-resources/>

Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering taking part in this research.