

Q = Emilie Scholey (researcher)

A = Man with son (aged 11)

Q      So I don't know if you've read the information I sent to you regarding the project and what we're doing, but basically we're looking at technology and play and learning with children. And throughout the interview when I refer to technologies I'm kind of referring to digital devices such as mobile phones, tablets, cameras, game consoles, computers, which are kind of available in children's everyday lives. And things like media as well such as apps, websites, any digital games. It might also include technology such as robotics, like coding, creating digital artefacts, 3D printing, virtual reality, augmented reality. And I might also talk, well I will be talking about things including play that are adult-led play, child-led play, peer and sibling-led play, play using the digital devices I've just mentioned and media, but also play which shows the influence of digital device and media when they're not actually present with them. So are you OK to get started, does that all make sense?

A      Yes, yes I'm ready to get started yes.

Q      Great. So question one, it's all about questions relating to children's play and technology. You've got, is it a son or daughter?

A      Can you say that again?

Q      Can you hear me? Do you have a son or a daughter?

A      I have a daughter and a son.

Q      OK, so if you want to just think about one of the children throughout the interview, just focus on one of them, is that alright.

A      Yeah that would be perfect, yeah that would be fine.

Q      And they need to be aged between 3 and 11, so somewhere between 3 and 11.

A      Yes that's great, yes. I'll have to think about my son, which he's 11.

Q      OK great. So the first question is, how does technology feature in your child's play? So does your child like to play with any particular devices, apps, toys. And if so when do they play with them....sorry, did you say it was a he?

A      Well he either plays with either my smart phone or he'll be on the computer which we have ??? so we just leave it like for them to ???

Q      So a smart phone and computer.

A      Pardon?

Q      Sorry can you hear me, sorry the signal might be....

A Yes I can hear you, yeah. He does play with my smart phone, my phone, and my PC which is a desktop computer.

Q Right, and when does he play with those things?

A It would be mostly after school, so it would be mostly after like half 3 or whatever til like...mostly from half 3 to any time from half 3 to like half 8.

Q And whereabouts does he play with those, in his room, in your house?

A No he's mostly in front of us to be honest. Mostly he's downstairs in the living room, he doesn't really go up to his room and that. So he's mostly playing in front of us or playing on the computer in front of us, so we've always like got an eye on him, if you understand me, we've always got an eye on him.

Q Yeah. And does he play with anyone else when he's doing that, or is it just by himself?

A It's just mostly by himself, or he just asks us questions. He'll just mostly, you know, he's quite computer literate so he can mostly do and know what's what on the internet. So if he wants to go on YouTube he'll just go on YouTube, you know.

Q Yeah that's fine. And how often do you think he does that, is it every day do you say after school or is it....

A Yeah it's mostly every day, mostly every day at the moment because it's winter and he ain't going really out because it's so cold. So every day he'll just come home from school or whatever and then just like be mostly just playing with the smart phone or PC for a couple of hours a day.

Q And why do you think he plays with those things? Do you notice how he looks when he's playing with it, how he feels, is there a reason why he plays with those things?

A I just think he's interested really, I don't know, he just likes to interact with them because I think he finds it interesting or....it's like he just likes to play I think. Instead of playing with actual toys I think he'd just rather play with like computers. I think that's how they are now though, yeah he'd just rather play and mess about on the computers and what not.

Q Sorry to interrupt the interview, I'm going to move upstairs in my house because I've noticed that I've got a lot of background noise coming from the outside road, it's quite busy this time of day. So do you mind if I just call you back in like a minute and I'm going to move upstairs where it's quieter and it will pick up the conversation better.