



STUDY OF PARENT-CHILD INTERACTION DURING PLAY

Infant and Child



Research Lab

Trinity College Dublin

This leaflet provides information on the study and aims to answer any questions you may have.

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Who are we?

- we are lecturers and researchers in the School of Psychology, Trinity College Dublin
- we study the way parents and children interact, and how this affects development

What is the study about?

- finding out which parts of parent-child interaction are most important for growing up and learning to talk
- observing, recording and analysing how children and their parents react and respond to each other during interaction
- finding out how children and parents shape each other's behaviour
- we particularly want to find out about how fathers interact with their children

Who can take part?

- currently we are looking for families with toddlers aged 22-26 months, with two parents speaking English as a first language, where both parents are available to visit the lab (any day of the week, including weekends)
- however we would also like to hear from all families interested in taking part in future studies, including bilingual, multilingual and single parent families
- you would be asked to play together, in our playroom, just like at home, and this would be recorded and stored for analysis later on
- you would be asked to provide information about the family and complete some questionnaires about things like child temperament, stress and parenting
- your child would receive a short age appropriate ability test from the researcher
- we would also invite you to a short follow-up visit in six months' time

What would taking part in the study involve?

- mother, father and child would be asked to visit our lab in Trinity for about 2 1/2 hours
- we would arrange an appointment to visit at a time that suits you, and send you some more information before your visit
- we would answer any questions you have and ask



You can get involved, or find out more, online or by phoning or emailing us (details on last page).

What happens to the findings of the study?

- all information collected would be treated in the strictest confidence and securely stored
- the researcher is only obliged to follow up any information which makes her/him concerned about the welfare of the child or parent
- you and your family would not be identified in any written reports and all questionnaires and assessments would be made anonymous
- although you can be seen and heard in the recordings, only the researchers working on the study would have access to this securely stored material
- we would only use your data to answer future research questions with your prior consent
- **to thank you for taking part, we would also offer you a DVD with a video of you interacting with your child**

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