

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Many children use digital media. They watch videos, read on a tablet, or play games—both at home and at school.

Your child's school is participating in the JEDi study. JEDi stands for Youth and Digitalization. We are researching how digital media affects children, which is why you are receiving this letter.

What are we going to do?

We will follow children from 'Groep 2' to 'Groep 4'. We will measure how things are going at three points in time:

1. In May/June 2025 – when your child is in group 2
2. In January/February 2026 – when your child is in group 3
3. In October/November 2026 – when your child is in group 4

Your child will do a few fun tasks at school. A researcher will help with this. It takes a maximum of two sessions of 20 minutes.

As a parent or guardian, you will complete an online questionnaire at home. The questions are about your child, the home situation, and media use. Completing the questionnaire takes about 20 to 30 minutes. All information is anonymous. There are no right or wrong answers.

The teacher will also complete a short questionnaire.

What do you and your child receive in return?

Your child will receive a fun sticker card. For each task, your child gets a sticker. After the third measurement, your child will receive a certificate of participation.

As a parent, you will receive:

- Information about how children use media
- Useful tips about digital media

Want to participate or have questions?

You will receive an email from the school with a participation code and a link to the questionnaire. Click the link to open the questionnaire. First, you enter the participation code. Then you indicate whether you give permission to participate. If you give permission, you can immediately start filling out the questionnaire.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at: jedi@uu.nl.

Answers to questions about how we collect and store data can be found on the next page of this letter.

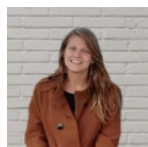
Kind regards,



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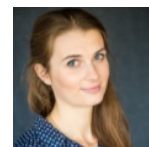
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More information about the study and the research team can be found on our website:

<https://jedi.sites.uu.nl/>

How is the data collected?

The privacy of you, your child, and the school is very important to us. For this study, we use data from you, your child, and the school. This data is made anonymous.

- We use a personal code to link data from different years. Only the school has the link between your child's name and the code.
- You will receive an email from the school with a form to give consent for participation. This form is securely stored by the researchers.
- If you give consent, you will receive a questionnaire about your child. The answers are stored anonymously using the personal code.
- Your child's teacher will also complete a questionnaire about your child. These answers are also stored anonymously using the personal code.
- Your child will do some tasks to monitor development. The school keeps only a list with names and codes. The researchers only store the answers and do not know who provided them.

How is the data stored?

- Up to one month after giving consent, you can request that your data and your child's data be deleted. You can do this by contacting: jedi@uu.nl
- The school will keep the lists with names and codes until one month after the final tasks with the children. After that, the list will be destroyed and all data will be permanently anonymous.
- The anonymous data will be stored for 10 years on a secure server at Utrecht University (Yoda) and may be shared with other researchers.

Can I withdraw my consent at any time?

Yes. Participation is completely voluntary and without obligation. You can stop at any time. Even if you initially agree to participate, you can withdraw your consent at any point without needing to give a reason and without any consequences.

You can simply say: I no longer wish to participate. Your data will then be deleted.

Do you have a question, complaint, or comment about this study?

This study has been approved by the Ethics Committee of Utrecht University.

- For content-related or practical questions, please contact: jedi@uu.nl
- For privacy-related questions, contact: jedi@uu.nl or privacy@uu.nl
- For complaints, email: klachtenfunctionaris-fetcsocwet@uu.nl

Who is involved in the JEDi project?

The project is a collaboration between six Dutch universities, two universities of applied sciences, and eleven other organizations, led by Prof. Dr. Liesbeth Kester (Maastricht University).

This study is directly supervised by: Prof. Dr. Eddie Denessen, Prof. Dr. Alexander van Deursen, Dr. Martine Gijssels, Prof. Dr. Tijs Kleemans, Dr. Ina Koning, Dr. Lysanne Post, Prof. Dr. Nadira Saab, Dr. Eva van de Sande, Prof. Dr. Eliane Segers, Dr. Saskia van Schaik, Dr. Moniek Schaars, and Dr. Hanneke Scholten.

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