Now, a new study says children as young as 12 months old regularly use touchscreen devices and most can use them competently by the time they're two. It claims swiping, unlocking and searching on smartphones and tablets are positive forms of interactive play. Here's Michelle Morrison. Isobel Wickes is nearly

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two years old, and a toddler comfortable in a techie world. Like many other children of her age, she she knows how to use her mum's tablet competently. I might show her something once and then she'll go back the next day and be able to do it all. Like choosing programmes she wants to watch, and the different games and the different characters. But there's good news for parents like Becky with a new study concluding touch screen apps are more engaging than other forms of media, and are more like traditional forms of playing for children. It also found regular use of touch screen among children as young as 12 months is widsperad, with 71% of toddlers having access to a device

. The findings do contradict guidlines in america which discourage use of touchscreen in children under two. Many parents insist that's easier said than done. Michelle Morrison, Good Morning Britain.