

Questionnaires Completed in Child Cohort, Wave One

The sample of children and their families was selected through the Primary School system. In the first instance a sample of schools was selected from the national population of 3,400 Primary Schools. A representative sample of 9-year-olds was then recruited from the selected schools.

Each school was asked to complete the following instruments and documentation:

1. Principal questionnaire

Recorded general information on school characteristics including size, challenges, ethos, etc, and some personal details about the Principal

2. Teacher-on-self questionnaire

Recorded general information about the class(room) characteristics such as size, curriculum, preferred teaching methods, etc and some personal details about the teacher

3. Teacher-on-child questionnaire

Recorded specific information about the study child such as temperament, academic performance, school preparedness

In addition, the interviewer administered the following academic assessment tests and instruments to the children in group self-completion sessions carried out in the schools:

4. Drumcondra English Vocabulary and Maths. Tests

Curriculum-based, standardised tests used to indicate level of ability in vocabulary and maths.

5. Piers Harris 2, self-concept questionnaire

Internationally validated self-concept scale.

On completion of the school-based component interviewing continued in the home. Along with the child the main informants were the Primary and Secondary caregivers (the latter where relevant).

The following is a complete list of all instruments associated with the household:

- 1*** **Mother/Lone Father questionnaire** (main and supplementary sections)
- 2** **Father/Partner questionnaire** (main and supplementary sections)
- 3*** **Child questionnaire** (main and supplementary sections)
- 4*** **One-day time-use diary**
- 5** **Questionnaire modules for Twins and Triplets**
- 7*** **Height and weight of main participants**
- 8*** **GPS co-ordinates**
- 9^** **Non-resident parent questionnaire**
- 10.1^** **Carer (home-based) questionnaire**
- 10.2^** **Carer (centre-based) questionnaire**

* These core items were completed for all households.

^Items 11, 12.1 and 12.2 were issued by Study Team on a postal basis and self-completed by non-resident parent/regular carer, where relevant.

Summary Structure of Instruments used in Child Cohort Wave One

