

Growing Up in Ireland – Survey of 5-Year-Olds

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PRINCIPAL'S QUESTIONNAIRE

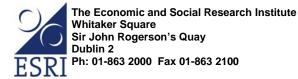
Growing Up in Ireland (GUI) is a major government study of children. Its purpose is to improve our understanding of all aspects of children and their development. It examines how children develop over time and identifies which factors affect a child's development and make for a healthy and happy childhood or for a less happy one. The results of the study will be used by government to develop policies and interventions to support children and their families in the future.

The Department of Children & Youth Affairs is funding the study in association with the Department of Social Protection and the Central Statistics Office. The Department of Education and Skills is represented on the Steering Group which oversees the study. A group of researchers led by the Economic & Social Research Institute (ESRI) and Trinity College Dublin is carrying out the study.

All information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence.

An information leaflet outlining in more detail the objectives of the study accompanies this questionnaire.

School	I ID (from blue shee				
Date:	day	_ month	_ year		







1. Are you male or to	emale? Male ∐₁	remale [2		
2. To which age grou	up do you belong?				
20 - 29 yrs □ ₁	30 - 39 yrs □₂	40 - 49 yrs 🗌	₃ 50 - 59	9 yrs	60 yrs or older □ ₅
3. For how many yea	ars have you been a Princip	al:			
(a) in this school	? years (b) in o	ther Primary Sch	ool(s)?	years	
4a. What is the scho	ol's DEIS status?				
DEIS – Urban E DEIS – Urban E DEIS – Rural Non-disadvanta	3and 2				
4b. Is this a private f	ee-paying school? Yes	1	No		
5. How many boys a	nd how many girls were en	rolled in the scho	ool on 30 th S	eptember 201	3?
Boy	/s Girls	S	Tota	al Pupils	
6. In addition to you	r duties as Principal, do you	u have a teaching	g class assig	gned to you?	
	Yes	1 N	lo 🔲 2		
	me and <i>part-time</i> teachers v lease include the Principal a			ndicate how m	nany are male and how
	Teachers	Full-time	Pai	rt-time	
	Male				
	Female				
	Total				
7b. Excluding yours the Principal among	elf, how many <i>full-time</i> and the teaching staff.)	<i>part-tim</i> e admini	strative staf	ff work in your	school? (Please include
Full-time admin. stat	ff Part-time ac	dmin. staff	[If non	e, please write	none. Do not leave blank]
	w many staff does your sch on a full-time and part-time		ve in the foll	lowing capacit	ies? Please indicate the
			Full-time	Part-time	2
	Learning support/resource to			i dit tilli	-
	Language support teachers				
	Special needs assistants				
	Other teaching assistants				
9. How many rooms	(including prefabs, etc) are	used as classro	oms in the s	school?	_ classrooms
10. Of these, how ma	any portable classrooms (p	refabs) are there	in the school	ol?po	ortable classrooms
11. How many classo	es (across all year-groups)	are there in the s	school?	classes	
12. Approximately he	ow many children is the scl	nool designed fo	r?	children	
13a. In what year wa	s the school built?	Year			
13b. In what year wa	s the school most recently	refurbished? You	ear	Never	99

14. I	low would you rate the school's reso	urces in each of	the following a	areas?		
		Poor	Fair 	Good	Excellent	
((a) Number of teachers	<u> </u>				
	(b) Number of classrooms					
	(c) Books and worksheets	<u> </u>				
	(d) Computing facilities					
	(e) Arts and crafts facilities	:	— -			
	(f) Sports facilities					
	(g) Music facilities	<u> </u>				
	(h) Playground	_	_		_	
	(i) Mathematics resources/facilities	— :				
	(j) Library/media centre	— ·	— -			
	(k) Staff room(l) Toilet facilities	:	— -			
	(I) I ollet facilities(m) Learning support provision	— ·			— ·	
	() A &		_	 -	_	
	(o) Administrative support(p) Condition of the school building,	1	2	3		
,	classrooms etc					
	(q) Facilities for children with disabilities	— ·			— ·	
			— =		<u> </u>	
((r) Provision of Special Needs Assistant	:S	2	3	4	
	Does the school have a Home-School Does the school provide a 'breakfast Yes, every day	club'?	Yes, some days	s		No □₂ No □₃
	100. 13 till3 provided dilder DEIO:	103	140	2		
17a.	Does the school provide <u>free</u> school	meals at lunchtir	ne?			
	Yes, every day	1 Y	es, some days	S	2	No□ ₃
	47h la this massidad sundan DEICO		NI.		'	
	17b. Is this provided under DEIS?	Y es <u> </u>	No	····· <u></u> 2		
18.	Does the school have the following fa	acilities or servic	052			
10.	boes the school have the following is	acilities of servic	CS:		Yes	No
	(a) An active parents' association/counc	il			🔲 1	. \square_2
	(b) A parents' room within the school					
	(c) Parenting courses					2
((d) Other courses for parents (e.g. litera	cy, art/craft)			1	2
((e) Access to health or social service pro	ofessionals on the	school premis	es	1	2
				_		
19.	Approximately how many computers	in total does the	school have?	?	compu	ters
20.	Of these, how many can be used by t staff?	<i>he pupils</i> , i.e. ex	cluding those	used <i>solely</i> b	y administra	tive or teaching
		used by the pupil	s			
21.	Does the school have a dedicated co	mputer room for	pupils?	Yes] ₁ No	2
22.	Are the school buildings and other fa	cilities (playing f	ields, etc if re	elevant) open t	to the local c	ommunity?
	-			, .		-
	` '	Yes □1	No			
		Yes □ ₁ Yes □ ₁	No No	<u> </u>		
	(o) out or term time	1 531	1 NO	…∟2		

lu	or each of the following extracurr unchtime or after school hours, a programme (SCP)?				
	/	(2)		(b)	
		(a) Provided in school	lf ve	(b) es, Provided under	
		Trovided in Sollooi	DEI		Neither
(a) Team sports (e.g. football)	No□ ₂ Yes□ ₁ —	▶ □₁		
(b	(No \square_2 Yes \square_1 —	▶ □ 1	\square_2	
(c		No □2 Yes□1 —			3
(d) Drama	No	▶ □1	2	3
(e) Arts/crafts	No ☐ ₂ Yes ☐ ₁ —	▶ □ ₁	\square_2	
(f)	,	No	→ □ ₁	2	3
(g	·	No	<u>▶ </u>	2	3
(h) Other activities/clubs \	No 2 Yes 1	▶ \□ ₁	<u>2</u>	
ni in	le are interested in the importance ne goals, which do you conside aportant? Please mark '1' in the be e second most important and '3' in	r the most important, the ox beside the goal you con	e second	d most important, e most important,	and the third most
	Educational goals:			Rank	
	 i. Basic literacy and numeracy s speaking) 	kills (reading, math, writing,			
	ii. Encouraging the child to achie	ve his/her best			
	iii. Promoting good work habits a	nd self-discipline			
	iv. Promoting personal growth (se confidence, self awareness, e	•	elf-		
	v. Promoting social skills	,			
	vi. Promoting specific moral value	es			
	vii. Promoting inclusive multicultu	ral awareness or understandi	na		
	viii. Fostering religious or spiritual		J		
	ix. Promoting school attendance	·			
	x. Developing critical thinking ski	lls and understanding			
lf r	oproximately how many of each of none, please write 'NONE' – do not	leave blank. The same chil	d can be	recorded more th	an once.
_	n-national pupils				
•	of families from the Travelling Comm whose native language is other than	•		•	
-		_			
•	with physical / sensory disabilities			,	
Pupils	with learning / intellectual disabilities			(Number)	
26. Ap	pproximately, what was the <i>Averag</i>	e Daily Attendance for your	school	in the academic ye	ear 2012 / 2013?
	% Average Daily Attendance	ce OR Average nu	umber att	tending daily	
	hat percentage of pupils missed 20 e school returned to the NEWB)?	days or more in the in the	academi	ic year 2012 / 2013	(as per the figures

28. Approximately what percentage of the pupils in your school would you say come from the immediate area, that is, live within about 20 minutes' walking distance of the school?								
	-			_ %				
29. Please indicate which of the following problems in your school. (Please tick			porting ch	nildren v	with emo	tional / be	havioura	nl
Principal			1					
Classroom teacher			2					
Learning support / resource teacher			3					
Other staff member								
External assistance (please specify) _			5					
30. In your assessment, approximately numeracy, or emotional-behavioural tick one box on each line to indicate	difficult approxi	ies as to adve mate percenta	rsely affe ge.	ct their	educatio	nal develo	pment?	Please
		proximate per						
a) Literacy problems	None	less than 10						
b) Numeracy problems	_	— -	_			_		
c) Emotional / Behavioural problems	_		_	-		_		
c) Emotional/Behavioural problems	∟1	2]3			_ 15	
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31. Over the past five years, has the nur						_		
Increased1 Decrease	d	l₂ Re	mained fa	irly stab	le	_3		
33a. In general, do more pupils apply to Yes			han there	-	ces avail	able?		
33b. If Yes, what criteria are used to adr	nit pupil	s? (Please tick	all that ap	oply)				
Designated catchment area		□₁						
Other siblings in the school								
Parents attended the school								
Language(s) spoken by child		🔲4						
Date of application		🔲 5						
Religion								
Other (please specify)		7						
34. If there is more than 1 class in any y	ear-grou	ıp, on what ba	ısis are pı	upils in	the scho	ol allocate	ed to clas	sses?
Randomly/alphabetically Performance on standardised tests Performance on other tests Special educational need/disability Other (please specify) Only 1 class per year-group				2 - 3 - 4 - 5				
35a. Does the school hold formal paren	t-teache	r meetings at	east once	e per ye	ar? Yes	1 N	0	
35b. Approximately what percentage of	parents	attend parent	-teacher r	neetina	s?	per o	ent	

		A lot	A little	Not at a
(a) Curricular activities e.g. participation in reading / mat	hs	A lot	Ailtie	NOI at a
groups, support for specific area of curriculum (e.g. S	PHE)	□₁	\square_2	\square_3
groups, support for specific area of curriculum (e.g. S (b) Extra-curricular activities				3
. Below we have a list of statements. Thinking about <i>all</i> pup true of nearly all, more than half, less than half, or only a fe			ndicate if you	ı feel each
Pupils, in general	Nearly all	More than half	Less than half	Only a few
(a) Enjoy being at school	1		Пз	<u>4</u>
(b) Are well-behaved in class	□ ₁	\square_2	\square_3	□ 4
(c) Show respect for their teachers	1		3	<u>4</u>
(d) Show respect for their peers		\square_2	\square_3	
(e) Are rewarding to work with				4
(f) Are well behaved in the playground/school yard			3	4
(g) Settle into junior infants quickly			3	4
(h) Feel they are an important part of the school				4 4
community/school life		<u></u> □2	3	4
To a great extent To some extent (a) Teachers	t Not	at all		
In addressing inappropriate behaviour in your school to	what extent a	re the followi	na forms of a	discipline
your school?				discipline
your school? Often Oc	ccasionally	Rarely	Never	discipline
your school? Often Oc (a) Extra classwork	ccasionally	Rarely 3	Never □4	discipline
your school? Often Oc (a) Extra classwork 1 (b) Extra homework 1 (c) Writing of 'lines' 1	ccasionally 22	Rarely333	Never □4 □4	discipline
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School.						
 (a) Teachers are positive about (b) Teachers get a lot of help a (c) Teachers are open to new of challenges (d) Teachers are eager to take development 	nd support from col levelopments and	nleagues	True of early all	True for more than half 2 2 2 2	True for less than half 3 3 3 3	True of only a few
42. Compared with other Primar running the school are: (please		size, would	you say tl	hat the scale of d	ay-to-day prol	olems in
	other schools	About the same other school	ols	Slightly less than in other schools	Much less t other sch	
44. Compared with other Prima school is happier, as happy H					al, the environ	ment in your
(a) Pupils(b) Teachers				3 		
45. In general terms:						
	Very	Fairly	Not ver	ry Not at all		
(a) How stressed do you feel to the satisfied do you feel to your job?	vith			_		

41. Please indicate the extent to which you believe each of the following to be true of teachers, in general, in your

Thank you very much for having completed this part of Growing Up in Ireland.

Please collect the sealed envelopes containing their completed questionnaires from the teachers involved in this Study and return all questionnaires to the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), using the enclosed freepost plastic envelope.

Again, many thanks to you and your staff for your help in this very important study of children.