

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

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'TEACHER-ON-SELF 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. The results of the study will be used by government to develop policies and interventions to support children and their families in the future.

This questionnaire records information about the Study Child's main class teacher. One of these questionnaires should be completed by each class teacher who has any of the Study Children listed on the blue sheet sent to the Principal.

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

School ID (from blue sheet with list of pupils' names)

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Teacher's name (block capitals please)

Date: _____day ____month _____year



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1. Are y	you male or female?	Male	Female
2. To w	hich age group do you belor	ng?	
20	- 29 yrs		
30	- 39 yrs		
	- 49 yrs		
	- 59 yrs		
60	yrs or older \Box_5		
3. How	many years have you been t	teaching at primary schoo	bl level? years
4. How	long have you been teaching	g in this school?	years
5. Whic	ch of the following qualificati	ons do you hold? (Pleas	se tick all that apply)
. ,			primary school qualification \Box_1
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. ,			esource teaching
(c) (f)			·····
(g)		, ,	······
(i)	Other (please specify)		9
6. Whic	ch year group(s) do you teac	h? Please tick all that app	bly.

Junior Infants	Third Class
Senior Infants	Fourth Class
First Class	Fifth Class
Second Class	Sixth Class

7. How many pupils are in your regular classroom?

Class	Junior Infants	Senior Infants	First Class	Second Class	Third Class	Fourth Class	Fifth Class	Sixth Class
Boys								
Girls								
Total								

8a. In this school, are children allocated to their class on the basis of their ability, achievement or special educational need? No

Yes	NO
8b. If yes, which class do you teach?	
Higher ability \Box_1 Middle/average ability \Box_2 Lower ability \Box_3 Special class \Box_4	

9a. Did you do any continuing professional development (in-service training or upskilling) in the last 12 months?

Yes	No		
9b. How many days or hours of prof	essional development did you do?	days	hours
9c. Please specify the areas in whicl	n you did the professional developme	ent:	

10. In your opinion, how many children in your classroom (including the Study Child if relevant) experience any of the following long-term difficulties? (some children may belong to more than one category)

a. A limited knowledge of the main	language of instruction	children
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- b. An emotional or behavioural problem children c. A learning/intellectual disability children
- d. A physical/sensory disability children

11a. In a typical week, would you have any Special Needs Assistants working with you in the Study Child's classroom?

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11b. If yes, for approximately how many hours per week? _____ hours per week

12a. Within normal school hours, approximately how many minutes PER WEEK does the Study Child's class spend on each of the following subjects? Your best estimate is fine. If the class does not receive instruction in a subject, please write 'none'.

	No. of minutes		No. of minutes
Subject	per week	Subject	per week
English	mins/wk	Drama	mins/wk
Gaeilge	mins/wk	Visual Arts	mins/wk
Maths	mins/wk	Music	mins/wk
History	mins/wk	Religion/Ethical education	mins/wk
Geography	mins/wk	Other 1 (specify)	mins/wk
Science	mins/wk	Other 2 (specify)	mins/wk
Social Personal Health Education (SPHE)	mins/wk	Other 3 (specify)	mins/wk
Physical Education	mins/wk	Other 4 (specify)	mins/wk

12b. In an average week, about what percentage of your time in the classroom is based around play-based activity?

_____per cent

13. Below we have a number of statements about teaching. Please indicate how frequently the following things happen in the Study Child's class.

		Never or almost never	Some days	Most days	Every day
(a)	Pupils listen to you read stories where they can see the print				
(b)	Pupils listen to you read stories where they don't see the print		2		4
(c)	Pupils interact in class by listening, discussing and taking turns in conversations		2		4
(d)	Pupils engage in creative play				
	(e.g. painting, using play-dough, etc)				4
(e)	Pupils work in pairs				4
(f)	Pupils work individually in class		2		4
(g)	Pupils engage in physical play (such as running, jumping, skipping etc)		2		4
(h)	Pupils work in groups in class				
(i)	You ask pupils questions in class				
(j)	Pupils ask you questions in class				
(k)	Pupils ask each other questions in class				
(I)	Pupils work on phonics/word sounds				
(m)	Pupils take part in pretend play (e.g. make-believe, dressing up playing shop)				
(n)	Pupils suggest subjects or topics to be covered in class				
(0)	Pupils are encouraged to find things out for themselves				
(p)	You use video or audio recordings in class				
(q)	Children play games with rules (e.g. board games)				
(r)	You use a computer/interactive whiteboard to show something the pupils				
(s)	Pupils themselves use computer facilities or other electronic equipment (e.g. iPads) in class				
(t)	You provide differentiated activities, as appropriate, to pupils				
(u)	Pupils get the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities				
(v)	The pupil's experience and their environment is the starting poi		······		······
(-)	for learning		2		4
(w)	You address learning outcomes across a number of subjects at same time		2		4
(x)	You teach pupils as a whole class				4
(y)	Pupils count out loud				4
(z)	Pupils play games related to maths/numbers				4
(aa)	You discuss new or difficult vocabulary		2		4

14a. How often do the children in the Study Child's class use a computer(s) or other electronic device (e.g. iPad) in the SCHOOL?

Never	Once a month	Two or three	Once or	Three or four	Daily
	or less	times a month	twice a week	times a week	
\Box_1	2	3	4	5	6

14b. Is there an interactive whiteboard in your CLASSROOM?

Yes 🗋 1

No2

15a. How often would you assess your pupils' progress by using:

		Weekly	Twice a month	Monthly	Every term	Never/Almost never
(a)	Teacher observations					
(b)	Teacher-designed tasks					
	and tests			÷		
(c)	Teacher's questions		2			5
15b. To	o what extent do you use the	e results of	this assessment	in the plan	ning of your t	eaching?
	A lot	A littl	е	2	Not at all	
16. Hov	w much control do you feel	you have ir	n your school ov	er the follov	ving areas:	

		No control	Slight control	Some control	A great deal of control
(a)	Deciding how much time to spend on different				
	subject areas				
(b)	Deciding about the content of subjects to be taught		2		 5
(c)	Deciding about teaching techniques				 5
(d)	Choosing textbooks and other learning materials		2		 5
(e)	Disciplining children		2		 5
(f)	Selecting the year group you teach	🗖 1		🗔	 5

17. How important do you believe the following characteristics are for a child to be ready for primary school? Tick one box on each line.

	Not important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very Essential important
(a) Can count to 20 or more				
(b) Takes turns and shares				
(c) Is able to use pencils and paintbrushes				
(d) Is not disruptive of the class				
(e) Is sensitive to other children's feelings	1			
(f) Sits still and pays attention				
(g) Knows most of the letters of the alphabet	1			
(h) Identifies primary colours and shapes	1			
(i) Communicates needs, wants, and thoughts				
verbally in English/Gaeilge	1			
(j) Can manage personal care		2		

18. Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each of the following statements on children's preparation for school. Tick one box on each line.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
(a) Attending pre-school (for example, Montessori or	-		•		•
Early Start) is very important for success in					
primary school					5
(b) Children who begin formal reading and maths instruct	ction				
in pre-school will do better in primary school					5
(c) Parents should make sure their children know the					
alphabet before they start primary school					5
(d) Parents need help in learning how to encourage their	r				
child's reading					5
(e) Parents should set aside time every day for their chil	dren				
to practise schoolwork					5
(f) Parents should read to their children and play counti	ng				
games at home regularly					5

19. Below we have list of statements about pupils. Please indicate if you feel each is true of nearly all, more than half, less than half, or only a few pupils in the school.

Pupils, in general:

N	early all	More than half	Less than half	Only a few
(a) Are well-behaved in class				4
(b) Show respect for their teachers				
(c) Show respect for their peers				
(d) Settle into the school quickly				4
(e) Are rewarding to work with				4
(f) Feel they are an important part of the school				
community / school life	1			4

20. Please tick on each line to indicate: (a) whether or not you usually receive information in each of the five areas below about the children in your class and (b) if you receive the information, how satisfied you are with it.

	Re	(a) ceive mation?	(b) If information is received, how satisfied are you with it?			ı with it?	
Information on:			Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied			
 Whether they have attended pre- school 	1	2	1	2	3	4	5
What skills they developed at pre- school	1	2	1	2	3	4	5
iii. Family circumstances		2		2	3	4	5
iv. Whether they have special needs		2		2	3	4	5
 Individual child's strengths, interests and challenges 	1	 2	1	2	3	4	5

21. In general, what proportion of parents from the children in your class attend:

	Nearly	More	Less	Only a	Not
	all	than half	than half	few	applicable
a. Parent-teacher meetings b. Other meetings organised by the school		2 2	\square_3 \square_3	4 4	

22. What proportion of parents would approach you informally to discuss their child's progress?

Nearly	/ all∏₁	More than half	Less than half		Only a few	\square_{4}
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23. Compared with other Primary Schools of similar size, would you say that, in general, the environment in your school is happier, as happy or less happy for (a) pupils and (b) teachers?

		Happier	As happy		Less happy	
24. In ge	eneral terms:		Very	Fairly	Not very	Not at all
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Thank you very much for completing this part of the Growing Up In Ireland survey.

Please ensure that you complete a green questionnaire in respect of each pupil whom you teach and who is listed on the blue sheet as being involved in *Growing Up in Ireland*.

When you have finished all your questionnaires, please seal them in the enclosed envelope and return the sealed envelope to the Principal, for return of all questionnaires in the school to the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI).