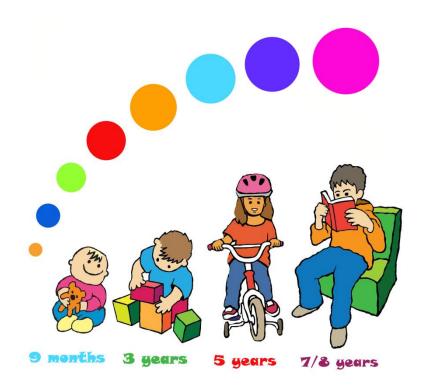


Your Child at 7/8 Years of Age

Please fill in this confidential questionnaire about your 7/8-year-old child who is taking part in *Growing Up in Ireland* and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided.

Thank you for your help and assistance in this important project!









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How does this questionnaire fit into the Growing Up in Ireland study?

Growing Up in Ireland is a longitudinal study – that means we re-visit the same children and their families as they grow up so we can better understand how things such as school, family, diet and activities influence their well-being and development.

You probably recall that we last visited you when your child ('the Study Child') was 5 years old. We hope to visit again to do a personal interview when your child is 9 years old. In the meantime, we would like to catch up with you by post to ask about how he or she has settled in to school, what his or her health is like, and how other aspects of life have changed since the age of 5.

Growing Up in Ireland is a government-funded study. The Department of Children and Youth Affairs is overseeing and managing the study, and it is being carried out by a group of independent researchers led by the Economic & Social Research Institute (ESRI) and Trinity College Dublin.

What will happen to this questionnaire?

We would like you to fill out this questionnaire and return it to the ESRI by post - a postage-paid envelope has been included in this pack. Each questionnaire has a unique ID number on it that will allow us to add it to the other information you have given us in previous visits. The information you provide in this postal questionnaire will be treated with the same strict confidence as when you spoke to an interviewer in person.

Where can you get more information?

A more detailed information sheet accompanies this questionnaire – it should answer any other questions you have about the *Growing Up in Ireland* study. If you need further information about any aspect of this questionnaire please Freephone 1800-200 434 or email growingup@esri.ie.

Points to remember:

- This questionnaire is mainly about your 7/8-year-old child who has been the focus of the *Growing Up in Ireland* interviews in the past. Please think only of this child when answering the questions about "your child". If you have twins or triplets taking part in the Study, you will be sent a separate questionnaire for each child taking part and the cover letter will explain which questionnaire is for which child.
- This questionnaire should be filled out by the child's parent or legal guardian ideally the person to whom this pack was addressed. If that person is not available, **the questionnaire should be completed by the parent or guardian who usually takes most care of the Study Child.** If you are unsure who should fill out the questionnaire, please contact the Study Team at Freephone 1800-200 434.
- If you do not know the answer to a particular question, please write "don't know" underneath. If you prefer not to answer a question, please draw a line through it. This will be very helpful to the Study Team compared to leaving a question blank.
- Please do not write in any names on this questionnaire. This will preserve confidentiality at all stages. Please use terms such as "my child" or "he" or "she" instead.

Many thanks to you and your family for taking the time to help with this very important study of children and young people in Ireland.

SECTION A: YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

1. Are you the parent/guardian who completed the main parent interview for Growing Up in Ireland last time (and to whom the letter accompanying this questionnaire was addressed)?							
Yes□ ₁	No)2					
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3. Which of the following best describes your relationship to the Study Child? (please tick one only) Parent							
4. Do you live here with	a spouse or p	artner? Yes	🗀 No	2			
5. We would like you to think of all the people living in your household. Could you list everyone who currently lives here, starting with the 7/8-year-old in the study, then yourself and then other family members? Include older siblings who are away at college but come home at the weekend or parents temporarily away from home for work. (please put one person on each line)							
Person	(a) Are they male (M) or female (F)?		(c) How is this person related to the Study Child? (He/she is the child's)				
			7/8-year-old Spouse/Partner of parent but not 7/8-year-olds's parent Brother/sister Other relative Other non-relative	Yes No			
1.The Study Child (7/8 years)	M_1 F_2	//	√ 1	√ 1			
2. You	M_1 F_2	//					
3. Your spouse/partner (if applicable)	M□ ₁ F□ ₂	//					
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5. Person 5	M_1 F_2	//	1 2 3 4 5 6	<u>□</u> 1 <u>□</u> 2			
6. Person 6	M□ ₁ F□ ₂	//		□ ₁ □ ₂			
7. Person 7	M_1 F_2	//	1 2 3 4 5 6	□ ₁ □ ₂			
8.Person 8	M□ ₁ F□ ₂	//	1 2 3 4 5 6	□1 □2			
9. Person 9	$M \square_1 F \square_2$	//					

	6. Which of the following best describes your status with regard to work or education? Please tick one box only to indicate which of the following BEST describes your usual situation at the moment.
	1. Currently on maternity leave, but have a job to return to
7a	. How many hours do you work per week? Hours:
76	. In addition to your main situation in the answer above, do you also work for payment or profit on a part-time basis? No
	7c. Approximately how many hours per week? Hours:
8.	How many of the adults (18 years or over) in this household (the people listed at Q5) are currently in <u>paid</u> employment, either on a full-time or part-time basis?
	Number of adults in household who have a full-time or part-time job:
	SECTION B: YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT
9.	In general, how would you say the Study Child's current health is? (tick one only)
10	Very healthy, no problems
1	I. What is the nature of this problem, illness or disability? Please describe as fully as possible. [Please record diagnosis – not symptoms of the problem.]
12	. Is the Study Child hampered in his/her daily activities by this problem, illness or disability?
	Yes, severely ☐ ₁ Yes, to some extent ☐ ₂ No ☐ ₃
13	. Has this problem been diagnosed by a medical professional? Yes1 No2
14	. When was this problem, illness or disability diagnosed?(mth)(year)
15	. The next questions are about how your child is learning and getting along. Please tell us if you are "not concerned", "a little concerned" or "concerned" about your child, <u>using one box on each line</u> .
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SECTION C: YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

20. What class/year is the Study Child in now? (tick one of	nly)			
Junior Infants□ ₁ Senior Infants□ ₂				
1 st Class				
2nd Class	مانسد مممد	:		
Other5 (p 21. What school is your child attending now? Please write	hease write te in the ful	It down)	chool below	
School name:				
Address:				
22. Is this the same school as he/she was attending in W	inter 2013	?		
Yes ☐ ₁ No ☐ ₂ Wasn't at				
23. Please think about how your child has been getting of	n at scho			
		More than once a week	Once a week or less	Not at all
a. How often has he/she complained about school?				
b. How often has he/she said good things about school?		1		
c. How often has he/she looked forward to going to school?		<u> </u>	. \square_2	. 🔲 3
d. How often has he/she been upset or reluctant to go to scho	ol?	<u> </u>	. \square_2	. 🔲 3
24. How do you feel about the pace of learning at school Too fast for him/her				only)
25. And which of these statements best describes how y	our child	is finding his/h	ner school wor	k?
Usually finds it hard] ₂ Never	finds it hard	3	
a. Readingb. Writing	se tick one Agree	box on each lii Neither agree nor disagree	ne) Disagree Strongly disagre	y Don't e know 6 6 6 6 g in the selow age 5 5 5
28. Is the Study Child minded by someone other than you				<u>a</u>
regular basis before/after school during the school ye	<u>ear (</u> betwe	en Septembe	r and June)?	
Yes No □2				
29. Which of the following best describes that person? I think of the main type of care.	f you use r	nore than one t	type of care, ple	ase
b. A non-relative in your homef	. Other Afte	r or Before Scho	vice within School ol Service n)	
30. How many hours per week does the Study Child sp	end in thi	s main type of	care?	(hrs/wk)
31. And how much does this main type of care cost pe you pay per fortnight or per month, please divide the amou				า '0'. If
		€	(amount pe	r week)

SECTION D: YOUR CHILD'S ACTIVITIES AND PASTIMES

32. Listed below is a set of statements which could be used to describe the Study Child's behaviour. For

	•	Not	Somewhat	Certainly
		True	True	True
	Considerate of other people's feelings			
	Restless, overactive, cannot stay still for long			
	Often complains of headaches, stomach-aches or sickness			
	Shares readily with other children (treats, toys, pencils etc.)			
	Often has temper tantrums or hot tempers			
	Rather solitary, tends to play alone	□1	2	3
	Generally obedient, usually does what adults request			
	Many worries, often seems worried			
	Helpful if someone is hurt, upset or feeling ill			
	Constantly fidgeting or squirming			
	Has at least one good friend			
	Often fights with other children or bullies them			
	Often unhappy, down-hearted or tearful			
	Generally liked by other children			
	Easily distracted, concentration wanders	∐1	2	3
	Nervous or clingy in new situations, easily loses confidence			
	Kind to younger children			
	Often lies or cheats			
	Picked on or bullied by other children			
	Often volunteers to help others (parents, teachers, other children)			
	Thinks things out before acting	🗀	2	3
•	Steals from home, school or elsewhere	∐1	2	Цз
	Gets on better with adults than with other children			
	Many fears, easily scared			3
	Sees tasks through to the end, good attention span	1	2	Цз
3. (Can you tell me how often the Study Child takes part in the	following a	ctivities outs	ide scho
	Never		I-2 times 3-6 tin per week per w	
Ρ	lays games that involve a lot of running around, like football \Box_{1}			
	lays games that involve some activity like trampolining			
P	tides a bike, tricycle or scooter			5
L/	lays on a device like a computer or iPad by themselves			
Р	Tays make believe or pretend games \square_{1}	L_12 l	3	5
P P	Plays "make believe" or pretend games			
P P	rays make believe or pretend games		3	🔲 5

SECTION E: BEING A PARENT

36. How often would you do any of the following with the Study Child?									
	, ,	•			Once				
		Never	Hardly ever	Occas- ionally	or twice a week	Everyday			
a.	Play with him/her using toys or games/puzzles	🔲 1		🔲 3	🗀 4	🗆 5			
b.	Play computer games with him/her	🔲 1		🔲 3	🔲 4				
C.	Visit the library				_	5			
d.	Listen to him/her read					\square_5			
e.	Read to him/her					 			
f.	Use computer with him/her in educational ways								
g.	Participate in sport or physical activities				_				
h.	Go on educational visits outside home, such as museums, farms								
i.	Go shopping			<u> </u>	<u> </u>				
37.	37. Here are some statements about the relationship between you and the Study Child. Please read each statement and describe the degree to which each of the following statements currently applies. Definitely Does not Neutral								
		does not apply	really apply	/not sure	Applies somewhat	Definitely applies			
a.	I share an affectionate, warm relationship with my child	🗀 1		🔲 3		🗀5			
b.	My child and I always seem to be struggling with each other					5			
C.	If upset, my child will seek comfort from me	🔲 1		🔲 3	🔲 4	🔲 5			
d.	My child is uncomfortable with physical affection or touch from r					5			
e.	My child values his/her relationship with me	🔲 1		🔲 3	🔲 4	🔲 5			
f.	When I praise my child he/she beams with pride	1		3		5			
g.	My child spontaneously shares information about him/herself	🔲 1		🔲 3	🔲 4	🔲 5			
h.	My child easily becomes angry at me	🔲 1		🔲 3	🔲4	🔲 5			
i.	It is easy to be in tune with what my child is feeling	🔲 1		🔲 3	🔲 4	🔲 5			
j.	My child remains angry or is resistant after being disciplined					🔲 5			
k.	Dealing with my child drains my energy			3		\Box_5			
I.	When my child is in a bad mood I know we're in for a long and								
	difficult day	🔲 1		🔲 3	🔲 4	5			
m.	My child's feelings toward me can be unpredictable or can								
	change suddenly	🔲 1	2			5			
n.	My child is sneaky or manipulative with me	П	П2			П ₅			
0.	My child openly shares his/her feelings and experiences with me								
Finally, a few questions about how your family is coping with money and finance at the moment. 38. A household may have different sources of income and more than one household member may contribute to it. Concerning your household's total monthly or weekly income, with which degree of ease or difficulty is the household able to make ends meet? Would you say (Please tick (✓) one only)									
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40. Thinking of your household's total income from all sources and all household members, approximately what proportion of your total household income would you say comes from social welfare payments of any kind – including Children's Allowance/Child Benefit? (Please tick (✓) one only)									
I		0% to less	7	5% to less	5	100%			
		than 75%	t	han 100%					
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