First of all, we would like to ask you some things about the study child in particular.

Q1. How long has the study child been attending this centre? _______ years _______ months _______ weeks

Q2. How many hours per week does the study child attend the centre? _______ hours

Q3. How many days per week does the study child attend the centre? _______ days

Q4. Compared with other children, do you think this child is . . . ?

- Much easier to get on with than average ........... [ ]
- More difficult to get on with than average ........ [ ]
- Easier to get on with than average.................. [ ]
- Much more difficult to get on with than average.... [ ]
- About average ........................................ [ ]

Q5. We would like to know how the study child spends his or her time while in the centre’s care. There follows a list of activities that a 9 year-old might engage in. Please indicate how often he or she participates in each activity.

- Watching television/videos/DVD’s.................. [ ]
- Using a computer ..................................... [ ]
- Reading .................................................. [ ]
- Doing homework ...................................... [ ]
- Playing .................................................. [ ]

Q6. Please think about your relationship with the study child. How easy or difficult do you find getting on with the child?

- Very easy ............................................ [ ]
- Somewhat easy ...................................... [ ]
- Neither easy nor difficult ......................... [ ]
- Somewhat difficult .................................. [ ]
- Very difficult ....................................... [ ]

We would also like some general information about the care centre.

Q7. Are you registered with the Health Service Executive?

- Yes ................................................... [ ]
- No .................................................... [ ]
- Not sure ............................................. [ ]

Q8. On a typical day, how many children are in the centre (excluding study child)? _______ no. of children

Q9. What ages are these children? (Please indicate the number of children in these age categories)

- 0 – 11 months ............................................. [ ]
- 1-3 years .................................................. [ ]
- 4-6 years .................................................. [ ]
- 7-9 years .................................................. [ ]
- 10 - 12 years .......................................... [ ]
- 12 years and over .................................... [ ]

Q10. If there is more than 5 years between the ages of the oldest and youngest child, are the younger children segregated from the older?

- Yes ................................................... [ ]
- Yes ................................................... [ ]
- Sometimes ........................................... [ ]

Q11. How many children in the centre (excluding the study child) are from a non-English speaking family background? _______ children

Q12. How many children in the centre (excluding the study child) have a mental or physical disability? _______ children

Q13. How many staff (whole-time equivalents) are employed in the centre to look after the children (do not include administrative or maintenance staff, etc)? _______ no. of staff

Q14. How many of these staff have a formal childcare qualification? _______ no. of staff
Q15. We would like you to think about the facilities that are available to the Study Child attending the centre. A list of suggestions is given below. Please tick all that are currently available to him / her.

- Supervised outdoor play ...........................................  
- Internet .................................................................  
- Sports equipment (footballs, trampolines, etc) ..............  
- Musical equipment ..................................................  
- Educational toys (e.g. meccano, etc) .............................  
- Arts materials ..........................................................  
- Other toys (dolls, teddies, etc) ....................................  
- Pretend play items ......................................................  
- Television/video/DVD ..................................................  
- Organised team games ................................................  
- Other (please specify) ____________________________________  

Q16. How many children’s books are available to children to read/look at? Do you estimate

- None ........................................................................  
- Less than 10 .......................................................  
- Between 10 and 20 .................................................  
- 21 – 30 .....................................................................  
- More than 30 ..........................................................  

Q17. Are parents allowed to leave sick children into the centre?

- Never .......................................................................  
- Rarely .......................................................................  
- Frequently .................................................................  
- Always .......................................................................  

Finally, we would like to know some things about you.

Q18. Are you (a) the Director of the centre ......  
(b) an employee of the centre ..............

Q19. What is your date of birth?

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Q20. Are you? 

- Male ........ relocation without children
- Female........ relocation without children

Q21. What is your nationality? 

| _________________________________ | _________________________________ |

Q22. Which of the following best describes the type of care your centre provides?

- After-school supervision ...................................  
- Youth centre .....................................................  
- Study group/homework club ..................  
- Other (please specify) _____________________

Q23. What is your highest level of qualification in childcare or related discipline (e.g. teaching, nursing, Montessori)?

- No formal qualification .......................................  
- Degree ....................................................................  
- Certificate .............................................................  
- Postgraduate Degree ...........................................  
- Diploma .................................................................  

Q24. Please indicate the subject area in which the qualification was obtained:

- Childcare ...............................................................  
- Special needs assistance ......................................  
- National school teaching .....................................  
- Speech and language therapy ...............................  
- Other education ....................................................  
- Nursing .................................................................  
- Child psychology/development .........................  
- Other .................................................................  

Q25. When did you receive this qualification?  

Year: ______

Q26. Have you undertaken any other training relevant to caring for children? Tick all that apply

- Childcare ...............................................................  
- National school teaching .....................................  
- Other education ....................................................  
- Child psychology/development .........................  
- Nutrition/Diet .......................................................  
- First aid ...............................................................  
- Sign language .......................................................  

Q27. Is caring for children your main occupation? 

- Yes .............................................................  
- No .............................................................  

Q28. If no, please describe your main occupation as fully as possible

________________________________________________________________________________________

Q29. How many hours do you work each week in child care? ________________ hours

Q30. How long have you worked in this particular care centre? _______ years _______ months

Q31. Overall, are you happy working in childcare?

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