Instructions

Welcome to the Growing Up in Ireland study. We want to find out what it is like to be a 9 year old child living in Ireland. You are one of 8,000 children aged 9 years that are taking part in this survey. Your answers will help the government to plan things for young people like yourself.

We would like you to complete the following questions in this answer booklet. Some of the questions are about where you live, your school and your family.

This is not a test and there are no right or wrong answers. Take your time and try to answer each question the way you really think.

We will not tell anyone the answers to your questions. But if you tell us something that makes us worried about you, then we might have to tell someone who could help.

How to fill in your answer on the answer booklet

To fill in a question just tick the box with the answer you want to give

Example:

Do you have any pets?  Yes ☑  No 2
Section A: Where you live

1. Do you like living around here? .................................................. 1 ... 2
2. Do you have plenty of friends to play with around here? ........ 1 ... 2
3. Are there good places to play near your house? ...................... 1 ... 2
4. Do you think there is too much traffic near where you live? ... 1 ... 2
5. Is there a green area for you to play near where you live? ..... 1 ... 2
6. Are the streets dirty around where you live? ......................... 1 ... 2
7. Are there youth clubs near where you live? .......................... 1 ... 2
8. Is there a playground near where you live? ......................... 1 ... 2
9. Do you think there is a lot of graffiti near where you live? ..... 1 ... 2
10. Is there public transport to school (like a bus or train)? ....... 1 ... 2
11. Are there activities to do after school around here? ............ 1 ... 2
12. Are there places for children to play safely near your house? 1 ... 2
13. Are adults living around here usually nice to you? ............ 1 ... 2
14. Do you feel safe living around here? ..................................... 1 ... 2
15. Are adults around here generally nice to children? ............ 1 ... 2

Now think about school

Section B: School

16. Do you look forward to going to school?
   Always       Sometimes       Never
   1 ...............  2 .................  3

17. Do you like your teacher?
   Always       Sometimes       Never
   1 ...............  2 .................  3
18. Thinking back over the last year would you say that you picked on someone (either a child or an adult)?  
Yes............ 1 No....... 2 (If you have answered no, please skip to Question 20)

19. How did you pick on them?  
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20. Thinking back over the last year would you say that anyone (either a child or an adult) picked on you?  
Yes............ 1 No....... 2 (If you have answered no, please skip to Question 22)

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21. B. If you were picked on, did this upset you?  
A lot A little Not at all
1 2 3
Section C: Family

22. Do you have brothers or sisters?  Yes .......... 1  No ........... 2

23. Do you get on with them?
   Always  Sometimes  Never
   1 .....................  2  ....................  3

24. If you have a problem who would you talk to about it?

   Please tick all the people you would talk to
   Mum    Dad    Mum’s partner    Dad’s partner    Teacher    Friends    Another relative (Who?)
   1 ..........  2 ................  3 ...................  4 ..........  5 ..........  6 ................  7 ______________

25. Can you tell me how often you have a say in what the family does
(such as what to watch on TV, what to do at weekends, where to go on
family outings or holidays)?

   Always  Sometimes  Never
   1 .........................  2  .........................  3

That is the end of this part of the questionnaire. The interviewer will
now give you another part to complete.

Thank you for all your help.