

## Child's information leaflet – Growing Up in Ireland at nine years of age

**Hello there!** 😊

You and your parents have been taking part in the ***Growing Up in Ireland*** study since you were 9 months old. When you have read this leaflet, you and your parents can decide if you would like to take part again.

### **What is the *Growing Up in Ireland* study all about?**

In 2007, the government asked us to find out what it is like to be a child growing up in Ireland. Since then we have been interviewing children and their families to see how children are growing up and what things are important to them.

### **What happens if I take part?**

Taking part is easy. A person from our team, called an interviewer, will visit your home. The interviewer will ask you to fill out questionnaires about things like:

- ◆ what you think of your school and your teacher
- ◆ what you think of the place where you live
- ◆ if you help around the house

The interviewer will also ask you to do a short reading test. You don't have to learn anything for this. No-one, not even your mum or dad, will be told how you do in it.

If there are any questions that you don't like and don't want to answer, you don't have to. Just tell the interviewer you don't want to answer them or just leave them blank.

### **Four years' time**

We hope we will be able to come back and talk to you and your family again when you are 13 years old, to make sure we know all we can about growing up in Ireland.

### **What do you do now?**

When you have read this leaflet, talk to your mum or dad about taking part.

### **A very big 'Thank you'!**

Thank you for being part of this study. You are helping to make a better future for all children in Ireland.

