



Dear Parent or Carer

Help with the Doncaster MBC Survey of Children's Well-Being 2017

Your child's school is taking part in a survey, undertaken in partnership with Doncaster MBC, which aims to learn more about how children feel about their lives. The results of the survey will be used to try to improve things for children in the area in the future.

All the children in years 5 and 6 at your child's school will be asked to take part in the survey, but no child has to take part if they don't want to. The survey is confidential. It doesn't ask for children's names and no one will be able to identify individual children's answers.

We hope that your child will be able to help us with this important research project. With this letter is a sheet giving you more information about the survey. If you have any further queries about this then please contact your school.

Yours sincerely

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Information for parents and carers

The Doncaster survey of children's well-being is a new local research project that aims to learn more about the lives of children in Doncaster and to identify ways in which they can be improved. The survey is being carried out by The Children's Society in partnership with Doncaster MBC. The Children's Society is a national children's charity with a leading UK research team on children's well-being [See: www.childrensociety.org.uk/wellbeing for further details].

What is the survey about?

The main purpose of the survey is to ask children how they feel about their lives. The questionnaire asks about:

- the local area
- relationships with friends, family, teachers and so on
- health, self and the future
- life as a whole

How will the findings of the survey be useful?

The findings from the survey will be used in two ways.

- First, we will be able to compare children's lives in Doncaster with the national picture
- Second, we will be able to learn more about which groups of children in Doncaster feel more or less positive about different parts of their lives.
- This information will be used by Doncaster MBC and other organisations in the area to identify ways to improve the lives of children living in Doncaster.

How will the survey be conducted and what will happen to the information?

The survey will usually be carried out through an online survey that children answer at school. All the information will then be stored anonymously by the research team at The Children's Society and analysed.

Once the data has been analysed, The Children's Society will hold consultation events with children to talk about the findings.

Then, the information gathered will be written up into a report for Doncaster MBC.