

Dear parents and guardians,

Jersey Children and Young People's Survey 2021

During October this year, schools will be supporting Statistics Jersey to run the biennial Jersey Children and Young People's Survey and will be inviting your child/children to take part.

We want to hear the voices of all children in school years 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12, across all Jersey schools. The survey builds an understanding of Island life from children's perspectives and helps in the decision-making of those providing services for children such as Health and Community Services and Children, Young People, Education and Skills departments.

The survey also helps schools to plan your child's PHSE lessons so that subjects which are important to their lives are covered in the curriculum.

Your child will be invited to fill out the survey via an online web-based application called 'SMARTSURVEY' during school time, between 4-15 October, which shouldn't take more than 45 minutes.

Please be assured the survey is:

- **Voluntary** - If you are not content with your child taking part you can opt out. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are happy for your child to take part
- **Anonymous** - we do not ask for names, and cannot identify individual pupils from the information collected
- **Confidential** - we will not publish anything that could personally identify anyone. All results will be collated and shown as statistics in the published report

The topics that the survey covers include age-appropriate (depending on year group) questions on:

- Physical activity
- Leisure and money
- Smoking, drinking and drugs
- Health and Safety
- Relationships and Mental Health (including sexual health and questions about child sexual exploitations for Secondary students)

All questions are optional. Any questions a child might feel uncomfortable or unsure about answering can be skipped. There are no questions about the student's height or weight.

If you would like to view the survey questions, you can view the survey online for each year group at the following web addresses and by entering this code: **CYP-99-TST**



Year 4 survey: <http://survey.gov.je/s/2021year04>

Year 6 survey: <http://survey.gov.je/s/2021year06>

Year 8 survey: <http://survey.gov.je/s/2021year08>

Year 10 survey: <http://survey.gov.je/s/2021year10>

Year 12 survey: <http://survey.gov.je/s/2021year12>

Alternatively, a copy of the survey is available for you to look at in your child's school office.

If you want to **opt your child out** of completing the survey, please contact the school as soon as possible. A report will be published by Statistics Jersey in 2022 detailing the results.

Yours sincerely,