

Kirklees Young People's Survey 2023

Frequently asked questions for schools and students

General information

What is the Kirklees Young People's Survey (KYPS)?

An online survey carried out by Kirklees Council's Public Health team to find out more about young people in Kirklees.

Why are you doing it?

KYPS helps to inform commissioning and service provision and increase our understanding of the behaviour and views of young people, particularly in relation to health and wellbeing. Findings will be used to update the Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment (KJSA, <http://observatory.kirklees.gov.uk/jsna>) and monitor the achievement of the Kirklees Outcomes and the Children and Young People's Plan outcomes.

Who is the survey aimed at?

Any student in Year 9 at a Kirklees school and any young person of Year 9 age living in Kirklees but currently outside the school system.

When is it happening?

Between 09 May and 25 July 2023.

Has it been done before?

This is the ninth time we have carried out a young people's survey since 2001 (the last was in 2022). Some core questions have remained the same across each survey to enable us to monitor trends, while other questions have changed to accommodate emerging issues (for example, in 2014 we asked about e-cigarettes for the first time). This web page contains more details about this year's young people's survey:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/involve/entry.aspx?id=1142>. You can find out more about the 2022 survey here: www.kirklees.gov.uk/KYPS2022

How long does it take to complete?

No more than 30 minutes; most students will complete it within 20 minutes.

How often does it happen?

Prior to 2018, young people's surveys were carried out approximately every four years. From 2018 we moved to annual surveys, however due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were unable to run the survey in 2020 and 2021. We resumed the annual survey last year (2022) and we intend to run the survey every year from now onwards, to ensure findings are as up-to-date as possible.

What happens to the results of the survey?

Top-line (Kirklees level) results will be published online (<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/involve/entry.aspx?id=1142>). Schools will also receive a tailored report based on survey findings from their pupils, which will show how their school compares against the Kirklees average and against other schools.

Can individuals be identified?

No, the survey will not ask participants for their name, address or date of birth, and all results will be aggregated to school level or large geographical areas such as ward. Small number suppression rules will be applied to all outputs. Participants will be asked to provide their home postcode in order to match to larger geographical areas, but this information will not be stored once the area matching has been carried out.

Does everyone have to take part?

No, the survey is not compulsory, but we would encourage everyone in Year 9 to complete the survey. At the beginning of the survey, each young person will be required to give their consent to taking part in the survey. Individuals can choose not to take part in the survey at all; those taking part in the survey will have the option to skip any question they do not want to answer. The more students taking part, and the more questions they answer, the richer will be the intelligence we can draw from the dataset and the better we'll be able to use it to inform and improve future services.

Information for schools**How will my school benefit?**

Every participating school will receive a tailored report detailing their Year 9 students' health and wellbeing, behaviours (such as smoking or drinking alcohol), levels of support and perceptions of the local area, and will highlight changing trends based on previous surveys. The report will also show how your school compares to the Kirklees average and where your school ranks compared with other (anonymised) schools. Schools could use these insights to effectively plan PSHE lessons and target provision of school-based services. Evidence of how these findings are being applied directly within a school could be used to support Ofsted grading, particularly around pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare. The survey also gives students the opportunity to have their say and be listened to.

What resources do we need?

The school will need to arrange a time (possibly a dedicated PSHE or ICT lesson) where each student has access to the internet via school PCs/laptops/tablets or on their own phone. The survey is designed to be delivered during a single lesson for each Year 9 class, and teachers will be provided with materials to support the introduction of the survey at the beginning of the lesson and discussion of the topics covered in the survey once the survey is complete. The survey must be completed within the school environment.

What do we need to do in preparation for the survey?

Inform parents/guardians and students that the survey is happening. For further details, refer to the *Guide for Supervisors* and other material in the school information pack provided by Kirklees Public Health.

Information for students

What if I don't want to do the survey?

Although we would like as many Year 9 students as possible to complete the survey, you do not need to do it. Please select the 'No' option to the question about whether you agree to take part in the survey and inform your teacher. They will provide you with an alternative activity while other students in your class are completing the survey. If you are worried about answering specific questions, start the survey and skip the questions you do not want to answer.

What if I don't want to answer a particular question?

You can skip any question you do not want to answer.

What if I don't understand a question?

Read the question and response options again, and if you still don't understand please ask your teacher for help. If you're then unable to answer the question, just skip it and move on to the next question.

What if I want to choose two (or more) answers to a question?

Some questions allow you to choose more than one option (these questions say 'tick all that apply'). For most questions you are only allowed to choose one option, so please choose the answer that best represents how you feel about the question on the day.

What if I run out of time to finish the survey?

Unfortunately, you will not be able to return to the survey at another time, so you'll just need to skip the remaining questions until you reach the end. The survey includes a progress bar so you can see how far you have got, to help you plan your time. It is important that you click the 'submit' button at the end of the survey, otherwise none of the answers you have given will be recorded.

Will my parents/the school/anyone else find out how I've answered the questions?

No. All responses are anonymous and confidential; nobody else will find out how you have answered any of the questions. Please answer the questions as honestly as possible and be reassured that your responses cannot be traced back to you.

I'm worried that my answers might mean I can be identified. Is that possible?

No. Results will only be presented for groups of young people, never at an individual level.

How can I find out about the results of the survey?

Schools will receive a summary report containing the findings for their school, which they may choose to share with their pupils. An executive summary report and top-level results for Kirklees will also be made available via this web page: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/involve/entry.aspx?id=1142>.