



Kirklees Young People's Survey 2019: Information for schools

Kirklees Council is holding an important survey involving young people who are currently in school Year 9.

The survey will provide valuable intelligence and will increase our understanding of the behaviour and views of young people, particularly in relation to their health and wellbeing. This important information helps to shape the way we commission and deliver services for local children, young people and families. It also shapes our work in developing and monitoring Kirklees-wide strategies.

The survey will be carried out during the summer term 2019 and the findings will be published later in the year. It will be completed online during lesson time and all responses will be captured anonymously. Your school can choose when to complete the survey, as long as it is between **Monday 29 April and Friday 19 July 2019**.

Why should schools take part?

This is a unique opportunity to gain valuable insight into how your students are coping with life as a teenager, including what kind of support they are getting from their friends, family, school and wider community, and how things might be improved for those who are struggling.

You school 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 your school could be used to support your Ofsted grading, particularly around pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare. The survey also gives your students the opportunity to have their say and be listened to.

The majority of Kirklees schools have taken part in previous surveys. This time, we're hoping that all schools across Kirklees with a Year 9 cohort will want to participate. The more pupils taking part, the richer the intelligence that can be drawn from the data and the more effective it will be in informing and improving future services.

Please sign up your school by emailing owen.richardson@kirklees.gov.uk as soon as possible, including the name and email address of the person at your school we should contact about arranging the survey. To see whether your school has already signed up, please check this list: http://observatory.kirklees.gov.uk/jsna/KYPS_schools_2019

Every school that takes part will receive a tailored report detailing their pupils' health and wellbeing, behaviours (such as healthy eating, exercise, smoking or drinking alcohol) 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. See the **testimonials** at the end of this document for evidence demonstrating how useful schools found last year's survey.

How does it work?

The survey will take about 20 minutes for pupils to complete, and can be delivered during a single lesson for each Year 9 class. Teachers will be supported to explain the survey to pupils and to discuss the topics covered.

The school will just need to arrange a time (possibly a dedicated PSHE or ICT lesson) where each pupil has access to the internet via school PCs/laptops/tablets or via the pupil's smartphone, and a member of staff will need to be on hand to support pupils having difficulty with the survey.

Why is the survey just for Year 9 pupils?

We have surveyed Year 9 pupils in all our previous surveys, so we are able to compare this year's results against previous years. This is a key transition age, where young people are finding their own identities and many behaviours and views become established. We are considering extending the survey to other school year groups in the future.

What is different about this year's survey?

We've listened to feedback from schools following last year's survey, and have extended the survey window to the whole of the summer term. We're keeping the survey short to make it easy to complete within a single lesson, and pupils are able to complete the survey on smartphones, tablets, PCs and laptops (as long as they have internet access). For future surveys, we're hoping to run the survey earlier in the year (February/March) to enable us to get results back to schools before they break up for summer.

Other details

The project is being managed by Owen Richardson and Helen Jessop in the Public Health Intelligence team (owen.richardson@kirklees.gov.uk; helen.jessop@kirklees.gov.uk).

Further information, including top-level results when available, will be added here: www.kirklees.gov.uk/KYPS2019

To find out more about last year's survey: www.kirklees.gov.uk/KYPS2018

Testimonials from 2018

We had lots of positive feedback about the school-level reports schools received in 2018:

- “I think it's great. The result are clearly set out and easy to understand.”
- “We have new staff within the RPSE Department who said it was very useful in helping them with their subject content and area to focus on.”
- “I think it is good - although a lot of information... all useful though!”
- “I think the report is clear and concise”

One school said:

“We’ll definitely be using it as evidence for Ofsted and any other departmental reviews we have, both for our pastoral service and our SMSC/PSHE department. We think that our pastoral care is quite strong, and the report seems to support this.

“It’s highlighted that we’re comparatively bad with our smokers, so we’ll be putting more smoking awareness/cessation in place. We delivered smoking awareness sessions to the whole of Year 10 last year, so it may be worth us doing this earlier on in school to deter potential smokers before they take it up!

“I’d definitely be interested in taking part in similar surveys in future. It’s great for us to have this kind of information as evidence to support what we do.”

