

Kids' Life and Times survey 2013

Questionnaire

Voice of Gillian Robinson

"Hello. My name is Gillian Robinson and I'm a professor at the University of Ulster. Some people here at the University of Ulster and at Queen's University are doing research on what children think about school and whether they feel healthy and happy in their lives. We are especially interested in the views of P7 children now that they have spent almost 7 years at primary school. So every year we do a survey of all the P7 children in Northern Ireland to ask them their opinions. The survey is made up of lots of different questions about what you think. There are no right or wrong answers. We are interested in your opinions. When we get everyone's opinions we will pass them on to the adults who decide how primary schools are run and who decide other things that affect the lives of children. You do not give your name so no-one will know who you are. Your parents, friends or teachers will not see your answers.

If you are happy about doing the survey click to say that you agree to take part. But if you really do not want to do it, that's OK, just click to say that you don't want to take part."

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| I agree to take part | |
| I don't want to take part | |

"Thank you for agreeing to take part in the survey. First there are a few questions about you and then we ask the opinion questions. You can either read the question on the screen or listen as it is read out. Then just click on an answer. Ask for help from your teacher if you do not understand a question. OK, let's start"

First, some questions about you

Q1. Are you a boy or a girl?

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| Boy | 1 |
| Girl | 2 |

Q2. In which country were you born?

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| Northern Ireland | 1 |
| England | 2 |
| Scotland | 3 |
| Wales | 4 |
| Republic of Ireland | 5 |
| Somewhere else (Please type it in the box below) | 6 |
| I don't know | 7 |

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Q3 Which ONE of the following words would you say BEST describes you?

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| Northern Irish | 1 |
| Ulster | 2 |
| Irish | 3 |
| British | 4 |
| Bangladeshi | 5 |
| Chinese | 6 |
| Indian | 7 |
| Irish Traveller | 8 |
| Lithuanian | 9 |
| Pakistani | 10 |
| Polish | 11 |
| Portuguese | 12 |
| Other (Please type it in the box below) | 13 |
| I don't know | 7 |

Q4. Do you have a long-term disability, illness or medical condition?

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| Yes | 1 | Go to Q5 |
| No | 2 | Skip to Q6 |
| Not sure | 3 | Skip to Q6 |

Q5. Which one?

Now some questions about your home and family.

Q6. Which of your parents do you live with?

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| My mum and dad in the same house | 1 |
| My mum for all or most of the time | 2 |
| My dad for all or most of the time | 3 |
| My mum for half of the time and my dad for half of the time | 4 |
| Somebody else (Please type who it is in the box below) | 5 |

Q7. Do you have your own bedroom for yourself in the home where you normally live?

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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |
| Not sure | 3 |

Q8. Does your family own a car, van or truck?

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| Yes, one | 1 | Go to Q9 |
| Yes, two or more | 2 | Go to Q9 |
| No | 3 | Go to Q9 |
| I don't live with a family | 4 | Skip to Q11 |

Q9. During the past 12 months, how many times did you travel away on holiday with your family?

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| Not at all | 1 |
| Once | 2 |
| Twice | 3 |
| More than twice | 4 |

Q10. How many computers or laptops does your family own?

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| None | 1 |
| One | 2 |
| Two | 3 |
| 3 or more | 4 |

These questions are about who looks after you most days when school finishes.

Q11. Some P7 children are looked after by their parents when school finishes while other children are looked after by childminders, other relatives, in crèches or after-school clubs.

What about you? Who looks after you most days when school finishes?

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| A parent or guardian | 1 | Skip to Q15 |
| Another relative | 2 | Go to Q12 |
| A childminder | 3 | |
| A neighbour or someone else who is not a relative | 4 | |
| Afterschool club | 5 | |
| Someone else (Please type who it is in the box below) | 6 | |

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Q12. What is the main reason why you are looked after in this way?

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| Because my parent(s) are at work | 1 |
| Because I want to | 2 |
| To be with my friends | 3 |
| To do my homework | 4 |
| Because I have nowhere else to go | 5 |
| Something else (Please type it in the box below) | 6 |

Q13. Some kids are happy with where they go after school, but others would prefer to go somewhere else. What about you? How do you feel about the way you are looked after when school finishes?

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| Completely unhappy | 1 |
| A bit unhappy | 2 |
| Neither happy nor unhappy | 3 |
| A bit happy | 4 |
| Completely happy | 5 |

Q14. Why do you feel happy or unhappy about the way you are looked after when school finishes?

Q15. Thinking of the time between leaving school and 6 o'clock, do you do any of these things most days? (Please tick all that apply)

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| Sport | 1 |
| Drama | 1 |
| Dance | 1 |
| Music | 1 |
| Homework by myself | 1 |
| Homework with help from someone | 1 |
| Watch TV | 1 |
| Play with electronic games/computer | 1 |
| Play with board games | 1 |
| Play outside | 1 |
| Play with other children | 1 |
| Play by myself | 1 |
| Something else (Please type it in the box below) | 1 |

The next questions are about school.

Q16. Looking back over the time that you were at this school, would you say you were mostly happy at this school or mostly unhappy?

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| Mostly happy | 1 |
| Mostly unhappy | 2 |
| I can't decide | 3 |

Q17. Did you do any of the transfer tests last year?

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| Yes | 1 | Go to Q18 |
| No | 2 | Skip to Q21 |
| Not sure | 3 | Skip to Q21 |

Q18. Which type of transfer tests did you do?

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| The Common Entrance Assessment where you mostly wrote down your answers (AQE) | 1 | Go to Q19 then Q21 |
| The multiple choice ones where you always had to pick what you thought was the best answer (GL) | 2 | Go to Q20 then to Q21 |
| Both types | 3 | Go to Q19 then Q20 then Q21 |
| I don't know which type they were | 4 | Skip to Q21 |

Q19. What result did you get on the Common Entrance Assessment?

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| 113 or higher | 1 |
| 106 to 112 | 2 |
| 98 to 105 | 3 |
| 88 to 97 | 4 |
| 87 or less | 5 |
| Don't want to say | 6 |

Q20. What result did you get on the multiple choice GL tests?

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| A | 1 |
| B1 | 2 |
| B2 | 3 |
| C1 | 4 |
| C2 | 5 |
| D | 6 |
| Don't want to say | 7 |

Q21 Do your parent(s) or guardian(s) encourage you to like school?

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| Yes all the time | 1 |
| Yes, most of the time | 2 |
| Yes, sometimes | 3 |
| No, they never do | 4 |
| Don't know | 5 |

Q22. Which of the following things have your parent(s) or guardian(s) done during your time in primary school? (Please tick all that apply)

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| Went to meetings with my teachers when invited by them to talk about how I was doing in school | 1 |
| Went to speak to my teachers when something was bothering me | 1 |
| Joined a Parent Teacher Association | 1 |
| Joined a Board of Governors or Parents Council | 1 |
| Helped to organise or run events in my school | 1 |
| Came along to school trips | 1 |
| Something else (Please type it in the box below) | 1 |
| None of these things | 1 |
| I don't know | 1 |

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Q23. Sometimes parents or guardians are invited to attend an event in school or to speak to a teacher, but they don't go. If this happened to your parent(s) or guardian(s), why did they not go? (Please tick all that apply)

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| They were too busy | 1 |
| They had no childcare for the children at home | 1 |
| They could not get time off work | 1 |
| They did not really like talking to teachers | 1 |
| They did not really want to get involved with my school | 1 |
| They were a bit afraid of going to my school | 1 |
| Something else (Please type it in the box below) | 1 |
| My parent(s) or guardian(s) always went to my school when they were invited | 1 |
| I don't know | 1 |

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Q24. What do you think is the most helpful thing that your parent(s) or guardian(s) do to help you with your education? (Please tick one thing only)

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| Helping me with my homework | 1 |
| Speaking to my teachers about what is going on at school | 2 |
| Getting involved with my school | 3 |
| Reading books with me | 4 |
| Taking me to places like museums or libraries to learn new things | 5 |
| Something else (Please write in the box below) | 6 |
| I don't know | 7 |

Now some questions about your use of technology

Q25. Do you have your own personal mobile phone?

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| Yes | 1 | Go to Q26 |
| No | 2 | Skip to Q27 |

Q26. Is your phone a 'smart' phone, which means you can access the internet on it or use apps (for example, an iPhone, Samsung Galaxy or Blackberry)

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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |
| I don't know | 3 |

Q27. Have you ever been bullied by someone sending nasty texts or putting up bad things about you on the Internet?

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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |
| I don't know | 3 |

Q28. When you are using the internet at school, do your teachers look at what you are doing?

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| Yes, all the time | 1 |
| Yes, most of the time | 2 |
| Yes, sometimes | 3 |
| No, they never do | 4 |
| I don't know | 5 |

Q29. How often do you use the internet at home?

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| Almost every day | 1 | Go to Q30 |
| At least once or twice every week | 2 | |
| At least once every month | 3 | |
| Less often than once a month | 4 | |
| Never | 5 | Skip to Q33 |
| We don't have the internet at home | 6 | |

Q30. How do you usually access the internet at home? (Please tick all that apply)

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| On a phone | 1 |
| On a tablet computer | 1 |
| On a computer in a bedroom | 1 |
| On a computer elsewhere in the house | 1 |
| Some other way (please type it in the box below) | 1 |

Q31. When you are using the internet at home, do your parent(s) or guardian(s) look at what you are doing?

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| Yes, all the time | 1 |
| Yes, most of the time | 2 |
| Yes, sometimes | 3 |
| No, they never do | 4 |
| I don't know | 5 |

Q32. Have your parent(s) or guardian(s) set any rules about your use of the internet?

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| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |
| Not sure | 3 |

Q33. Have you been taught about staying safe online in the last year?

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| Yes | 1 | Go to question 34 |
| No | 2 | Skip to Q35 |
| Not sure | 3 | |

Q34. Who has taught you about staying safe online? (Please tick all that apply)

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| My parent(s) or guardian(s) | 1 |
| My teacher | 1 |
| My friends | 1 |
| A TV programme | 1 |
| Someone else (Please type who it is in the box below) | 1 |
| I can't remember | 1 |

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Q35. Have you seen something on the internet in the last year that upset or worried you?

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| Yes | 1 | Go to Q36 |
| No | 2 | Skip to Q37 |
| I can't remember | 3 | |

Q36. When you saw something that upset you, what did you do? Tick all that apply

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| I left the website or turned off my computer or device | 1 |
| I told an adult | 1 |
| I reported it online | 1 |
| I made contact with Childline or another helpline | 1 |
| I did something else (Please type it in the box below) | 1 |
| I didn't do anything | 1 |
| I can't remember | 1 |

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Q37. How often would you be on a website like Facebook, Bebo, Twitter or MySpace where you can have your own page or profile?

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| At least once a day | 1 | Go to Q38 |
| 2 or 3 times a week | 2 | |
| Once a week | 3 | |
| Less often than once a week | 4 | |
| I don't use these type of websites | 5 | Skip to Q39 |
| I don't know | 6 | |

Q38. Can your page or profile be seen by other people?

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|---|---|
| It can only be seen by my friends and no one else | 1 |
| It can only be seen by my friends and their friends | 2 |
| It can be seen by anyone | 3 |
| It can't be seen | 4 |
| I don't know | 5 |

The next questions are about children's rights. We want to find out what children think about their right to have a say about things that affect them. The questions were written by these children:

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How often do these things happen?

My school listens to what I have to say about.....

Q39. What we do in class

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q40. What I have to say about school rules

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q41. How to make our school better

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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In my school.....

Q42. I can give my opinions freely

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q43. The adults make it easy for me to give my views

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q44. The adults take my views seriously

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q45. The adults talk to me about how decisions are made

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q46. The adults make sure I can easily get the information I need about what is going on in the school

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Now we want to know if you think the adults in your community take your views seriously. When we say 'community' we mean your neighbourhood or your area. It includes things like the leisure centres or activity centres you go to, libraries, churches, shops, health centres and parks etc.

In my community.....

Q47. The adults ask me for my views

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q48. The adults take my views seriously

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q49. I can easily find out about activities (like youth clubs, church clubs, sports activities) for children my age

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q50. I can easily find out about what's going on for children in places like libraries, museums, and parks

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q51. I am asked for my views on how happy I am with the activities in my community

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q52. The adults make it easy for me to give my views on the activities going on in my community

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q53. What do you think could be done (in your school or in your community) to make sure that children's views are taken seriously?

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Now some questions about money.

Q54. Families have to pay for a lot of things for children. There are ordinary things like food and clothes, and special things like holidays and birthday presents. How do you think your family is managing with money for all these things? Just choose one answer

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| I think we have enough money for ordinary things and special things | 1 | Go to Q56 |
| I think we have enough money for ordinary things but not for some special things | 2 | Ask Q55 |
| I don't think we have enough money for ordinary things or for special things | 3 | Ask Q55 |
| I don't know | 4 | Go to Q56 |
| I don't live with a family | 5 | Go to Q62 |

Q55. What are some of the things that there is not enough money for?

There can often be a lot of costs associated with going to school. As far as you know, over the past year has your family found it difficult to afford each of the following for you?

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| Q56. School uniform | Yes | No | Don't know | My school doesn't have a school uniform |
| Q57. School books and materials | Yes | No | Don't know | |
| Q58. Day trips/events DURING the school day | Yes | No | Don't know | My school doesn't do this |
| Q59. Day trips/events OUTSIDE school hours | Yes | No | Don't know | My school doesn't do this |
| Q60. School-organised holiday trips | Yes | No | Don't know | My school doesn't do this |

Q61. Are there any other school things that your family cannot afford?

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| Yes (Please write it in the box below) | 1 |
| No | 2 |
| I don't know | 3 |

Q62. In general, how would you say your health is?

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| Excellent | 1 |
| Very good | 2 |
| Good | 3 |
| Fair | 4 |
| Poor | 5 |

The next questions are about how you have felt in the last week.
Now thinking about the last week....

Q63. Have you felt fit and well?

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| Not at all | Slightly | Moderately | Very | Extremely |
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Q64. Have you felt full of energy?

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q65. Have you felt sad?

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q66. Have you felt lonely?

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q67. Have you had enough time for yourself?

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q68. Thinking about the last week have you been able to do the things that you want to do in your free time?

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q69. Have your parent(s) or guardian(s) treated you fairly?

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q70. Have you had fun with your friends?

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q71. Have you got on well at school?

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| Not at all | Slightly | Moderately | Very | Extremely |
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Q72. Have you been able to pay attention?

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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Q73. Do you have enough money to do the same things as your friends?

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| Never | Seldom | Quite often | Very often | Always |
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The last questions are about what you eat during the day.

Q74. How regularly do you have breakfast?

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| Every day | 1 | Go to Q75 |
| Most days | 2 | |
| Once or twice a week | 3 | |
| Never | 4 | Skip to Q78 |

Q75. Where do you mostly have your breakfast?

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| At home, where I normally live | 1 | Skip to Q77 |
| On the way to school | 2 | |
| In school before school starts (for example at a Breakfast Club) | | Go to Q76 |
| In school at first break time | 4 | Skip to Q77 |
| Somewhere else (Please type where it is in the box below) | | |

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Q76. If you usually go to a breakfast club at school, what is the main reason for doing so?

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| So my parent(s) or guardian(s) can get into work on time | 1 |
| Because I want to go | 2 |
| So I can eat breakfast | 3 |
| To be with my friends | 4 |
| Some other reason (Please type where it is in the box below) | |

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Q77. What do you have for breakfast most days?

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Q78. Do you have a school dinner at lunchtime?

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| Every day | 1 |
| Most days | 2 |
| Once or twice a week | 3 |
| Never | 4 |

You are almost finished now!

Q79. Did we miss anything that was important to ask about? Are there any questions that YOU think should be on the survey for next year's P7 children?

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| Yes | 1 | Ask Q80 |
| No | 2 | Go to Thank You screen |

Q80. Please type your ideas into the box below.

Thank you so much for taking part in this survey. Your answers are really important to us. Professor Robinson will make sure that they are sent to the people who want to know what children think about all the issues we've looked at in this survey.