

Scottish Health & Wellbeing Census 2021-22: S4 Edinburgh

INFORMATION and CONSENT FOR PUPILS

All pupils in Secondary 4 in your school have been asked to take part in this new Health & Wellbeing Census which is taking place in a number of primary and secondary schools right across Scotland.

To take part in the Census, you must read the information provided next and then choose either the "Yes" or "No" box at the end to say if you agree to take part in the Census.

Next you will see some questions and answers that should help you to make a decision.

WHAT IS IT? We are inviting everyone in your stage from your school to take part. We want to hear about what you do and how you feel about your life. You are just about to complete a short online questionnaire. We are hoping to hear from a lot of children from across our local area.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Your teacher will ask you to answer some questions on a computer, laptop or tablet on your own. You will then need to choose the answer that best fits how you feel. This will take about 20 – 40 minutes. The questions will ask you about your school, your family, things you do, how you feel, your friendships, and a range of other things.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY ANSWERS?

Your local authority will collect answers from every child or young person who takes part. You will not be asked to provide your name. The local authority will not tell anybody your answers, not your teacher or your family. Of course, it's up to you if you want to talk to other people about your answers.

Your local authority will then look at everybody's answers together. This is so your local authority can understand what children or young people of your age think and do. They will also look at other information about you, such as the area you live in, your ethnic background, whether you get extra help at school, etc..

WHO IS ASKING THE QUESTIONS?

Your local authority. They are asking you these questions so that they can plan for, and improve, the children's services needed in your local area, based on what you and other children and young people say in this survey.

IS THIS A TEST?

Don't worry, this is not a test. You did not need to have prepared, as there are no right or wrong answers. We just want to hear what you think or how you feel.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA SECURITY

The answers you provide will be treated in accordance with the law and used for statistics and research purposes only. This means that the data we collect is kept separately from information which could directly identify you (such as your name). When reports using the data are published, care is taken to ensure that no information which could identify you is included.

The Census can legally happen as the local authority will be processing your personal data as part of its performance of a task in the public interest.

WILL ANYTHING HAPPEN BASED ON ANYTHING I SAY?

While analysing all the data, if your local authority sees anything in your answers that they are concerned about, they <u>may</u> need to do something to help you. This would be the **only** time that your actual identity would be sought, by identifying you from a separate database that holds your Scottish Candidate Number together with your name for which the local authority also has access to.

This should **not** happen very often so it is **highly unlikely** that anyone will actually contact you about anything you say in the survey. However, if they do, they are only doing this so that they can make sure that you are OK and to help you.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART?

It would be great to hear your views but you don't have to take part. You will shortly be asked if you want to, just say "No" if you don't. If you do take part that's great. But remember if there are any questions you don't want to answer, that's fine, you will be able to skip questions, or choose the 'prefer not to say' option, and you won't be asked why.

SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you need support or advice on any of the topics asked in the survey, then your school will have provided you with a list of ways in which you can speak to someone who may be able to help you.

1. Are you happy to continue taking part in the Scottish Health and Wellbeing Census? *





Thank you for your response, and we fully understand and appreciate your decision not to take part in the Scottish Health and Wellbeing Census.

Please remember that your decision to not take part is perfectly fine. However, other young people are still taking part in the Census. Therefore, please can you keep any noise and distraction down to a minimum.

You may now find it useful to doing something whilst others are taking part in the Census, such as reading a book, doing some homework, etc.

Your response has now been recorded, and you may now close down the browser window.



The first few questions ask for some basic information about you and your school

Please click on the 'next page' button below to continue.

2. Please choose your secondary school from the drop down list. *

3. Please type in your own 9-digit Scottish Candidate Number. *

And now some questions about your life at school and what you think you will do when you leave school

<u>4.</u> Below are some sentences about your school and learning. Please say how much you agree or disagree with each sentence. Please tick one circle for each question.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Prefer not to say
I enjoy learning new things						
I feel like I have a choice in what I am learning in school						
Getting an education is important to me						
My teachers listen to what I have to say						
I have an adult to talk to at school if I am worried about something						

5. Below are some sentences about your school and learning. Please say how much you agree or disagree with each sentence. Please tick one circle for each question.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Prefer not to say
I feel like my teachers treat me fairly						
My parents (or carers) really care about my education						
I feel confident to speak up in class, ask questions and share my opinion						
Most of the time, I am happy at school						
I feel positive about my future						

6. How pressured (stressed) do you feel by the schoolwork you have to do?

Not at all
A little
Some

A lot

Prefer not to say

7. Now looking ahead, when do you think you want to leave school / full-time education?

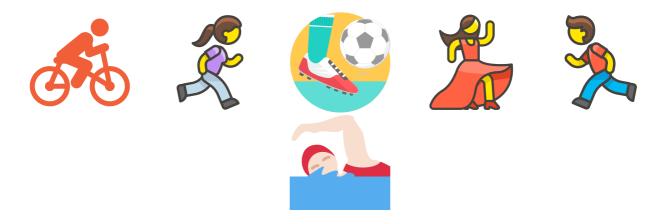
- I want to leave school as soon as I can (e.g. at the end of S4)
- I want to continue with my full-time education (e.g. stay on into S5 or go to college)
- I'm not sure at the moment
- Prefer not to say

8. What do you think you will be doing as soon as you leave secondary education (usually in S4, S5 or S6)?

- University
- Further Education College
- Apprenticeship or Trade
- Vouth Training or Skill Seekers
- Employment
- Unemployed
- Don't know
- Other
- Prefer not to say

The next questions ask about how active you are

Physical activity is any activity that increases your heart rate and makes you get out of breath some of the time. Some examples are running, fast walking, rollerblading, biking, dancing, swimming, basketball and football.



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9. For this next question, add up all the time you spent doing physical activity yesterday?

- None
 Less than half an hour
 Between half an hour and 1 hour
- 1 to 2 hours
- _____
- 2 hours or more
- Prefer not to say

<u>10.</u> How often do you usually do any physical activity in your free time (outside school hours) so much that you get out of breath or sweat?

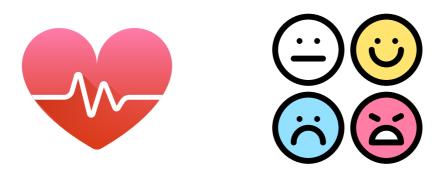
Every day
4 to 6 times a week
2 to 3 times a week
Once a week
At least once a month but not every week
Less than once a month
Never
Prefer not to say

<u>11.</u> Outside school hours, how many hours a day do you usually spend sitting (e.g. watching TV, using a computer or mobile phone, travelling in a car or by bus, sitting and talking, eating, studying)? Please be aware that if activities take place at the same time (e.g. watching TV whilst talking) then these only count once.

Please select one option per line or leave blank if you prefer not to say

		About half	About 1	About 2	About 3	About 4	About 5	About 6	About 7
	None at all	an hour a	hour a day	hours a	hours or				
	day	nour a uay	day	day	day	day	day	more a day	
Weekdays									
Weekends									

These next questions ask about your health and how you feel



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

Excellent
Good
Fair
Poor
Prefer not to say

<u>13.</u> Do you have a physical or mental health condition or illness lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

Yes
No
Prefer not to say

<u>14.</u> Please say how much you agree or disagree with each of the sentences. Please tick one circle for each question.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Prefer not to say
My life is just right						
I wish I had a different kind of life						
I have what I want in life						

Here are some statements about how you might have been feeling, or thinking about things.



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15. Below are some statements about feelings and thoughts. Please tick the box that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 weeks.

	None of the time	Rarely	Some of the time	Often	All of the time
I've been feeling optimistic about the future					
l've been feeling useful					
I've been feeling relaxed					
I've been feeling interested in other people					
I've had energy to spare					
I've been dealing with problems well					
I've been thinking clearly					

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<u>16.</u> Below are some statements about feelings and thoughts. Please tick the box that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 weeks.

	None of the time	Rarely	Some of the time	Often	All of the time
I've been feeling good about myself					
I've been feeling close to other people					
I've been feeling confident					
I've been able to make up my own mind about things					
I've been feeling loved					

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		None of the time	Rarely	Some of the time	Often	All of the time		
l've been intereste	ed in new things							
I've been feeling c	heerful							

<u>17.</u> Please say how much you agree or disagree with this sentence: "Even if I am having a difficult time, I feel like I will be OK"

- Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
- Prefer not to say

<u>18.</u> Please say how much you agree or disagree with this sentence: "I am happy with my body and the way I look".

Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
 Prefer not to say

<u>19.</u> Please say how much you agree or disagree with this sentence: "My body and the way I look affects how I feel about myself".

Strongly agree
Agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Prefer not to say

Now we would like to ask questions about when you go to bed and sleeping

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20. When do you usually go to bed if you have to go to school the next morning?

- Before 9.00 pm
- At 9.00 pm or later, but before 10.00 pm
- At 10.00 pm or later, but before 11.00 pm
- At 11.00 pm or later, but before midnight
- At midnight or later, but before 1.00 am
- At 1.00 am or later, but before 2.00 am
- At 2.00 am or later
- Prefer not to say

21. When do you usually wake up on school mornings?

- Before 5.00 am
- At 5.00 am or later, but before 6.00 am
- At 6.00 am or later, but before 7.00 am
- At 7.00 am or later, but before 8.00 am
- At 8.00 am or later
- Prefer not to say

22. How many hours sleep did you have last night?

- Less than 3 hours
- 3 to 5 hours
- 6 to 8 hours
- 9 to 11 hours
- 12 to 14 hours
- 15 hours or more

Prefer not to say

23. Some children and young people go to school or to bed hungry.

How often does this happen to you?

Always
Often
Sometimes
Never
Prefer not to say

Thanks for your answers so far.

The next question asks you about adults, such as your parents/carers, grandparents, teachers, youth workers, sports coaches, Scouts/Guides leaders.

24. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Adults are good at listening to what I say			
Adults are good at taking what I say into account			

The next set of questions ask you about how you feel and things that you do, to help understand your strengths and difficulties.

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Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire

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25. For each item, please select the circle for Not True, Somewhat True or Certainly True.

It would help us if you answered all items as best you can even if you are not absolutely certain or the item seems daft!

Please give your answers on the basis of how things have been for you over the last six months.

Please tick one circle on each line.

	Not true	Somewhat true	Certainly true	
I try to be nice to other people. I care about their feelings				
I am restless, I cannot stay still for long				
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	Not true	Somewhat true	Certainly true
l get a lot of headaches, stomach-aches or sickness			
I usually share with others (food, games, pens, etc.)			
I get very angry and often lose my temper			

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Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire

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26. For each item, please select the circle for Not True, Somewhat True or Certainly True.

It would help us if you answered all items as best you can even if you are not absolutely certain or the item seems daft!

Please give your answers on the basis of how things have been for you over the last six months.

Please tick one circle on each line.

	Not true	Somewhat true	Certainly true
I am usually on my own. I generally play alone or keep to myself			
I usually do as I am told			
I worry a lot			
I am helpful if someone is hurt, upset or feeling ill			
I am constantly fidgeting or squirming			

42.

Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire

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27. For each item, please select the circle for Not True, Somewhat True or Certainly True.

It would help us if you answered all items as best you can even if you are not absolutely certain or the item seems daft!

Please give your answers on the basis of how things have been for you over the last six months.

Please tick one circle on each line.

	Not true	Somewhat true	Certainly true
I have one good friend or more			
l fight a lot. I can make other people do what I want			
l am often unhappy, down-hearted or tearful			
Other people my age generally like me			
I am easily distracted, I find it difficult to concentrate			

43.

Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire

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28. For each item, please select the circle for Not True, Somewhat True or Certainly True.

It would help us if you answered all items as best you can even if you are not absolutely certain or the item seems daft!

Please give your answers on the basis of how things have been for you over the last six months.

Please tick one circle on each line.

	Not true	Somewhat true	Certainly true
I am nervous in new situations. I easily lose confidence			
I am kind to younger children			
I am often accused of lying or cheating			
Other children or young people pick on me or bully me			
I often volunteer to help others (parents, teachers, children)			

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29. For each item, please select the circle for Not True, Somewhat True or Certainly True.

It would help us if you answered all items as best you can even if you are not absolutely certain or the item seems daft!

Please give your answers on the basis of how things have been for you over the last six months.

Please tick one circle on each line.

	Not true	Somewhat true	Certainly true
I think before I do things			
I take things that are not mine from home, school or elsewhere			
I get on better with adults than with people my own age			
I have many fears, I am easily scared			
I finish the work I'm doing. My attention is good			

And now some questions about your use of electronic devices and the internet.

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30. Do you have access to the internet at home, on a phone, or another device?

YesNoPrefer not to say

<u>31.</u> In your free time, how many hours a day do you usually spend using electronic devices such as computers, tablets (like iPad) or smart phones?

Please tick ONE box for each line or leave blank if you prefer not to say

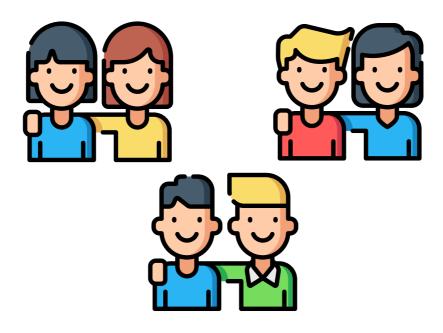
	None at all	About half an hour	About 1 hour a day	About 2 hours a day	About 3 hours a day	About 4 hours a day	About 5 hours a day	About 6 hours a day	About 7 hours or more a day
Weekdays									
Weekends									

32. Which of the following activities have you done online in the last 2 weeks, even if not very often?

Please select ALL the answers that apply or skip this question if you do not go online or prefer not to say

Watching videos online
Playing games online
Listening to music online
Looking things up to help with schoolwork
Updating your pictures, status or 'story' on social media
Browsing other people's pictures, status or 'stories' on social media
Messaging, chatting or video-chatting using social media (such as WhatsApp or Snapchat)
Something else

The next questions are about friendships



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33. How many close friends would you say you have?

None
One
Two
Three or more
Prefer not to say

34. How often do you feel left out of things?

- Hardly ever or never
- Sometimes
- Often or always
- Prefer not to say

35. How often do you feel lonely?

- Hardly ever or never
- Some of the time
- Often

Prefer not to say

Thinking about the people that you live with, please answer these next questions as best you can.



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36. How often do you and the people you live with usually have meals together?

- Every day
- Most days
- About once a week
- Less than once a week
- Never
- Prefer not to say

37. How often do you enjoy being with the people you live with?

- 🔄 Always
- Often
- Sometimes
- Never
- Prefer not to say

<u>38.</u> Does anyone who you live with have any of the following? PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY. PLEASE LEAVE BLANK IF YOU PREFER NOT TO SAY

- A disability
- A long-term illness
- A mental health problem
- None of the above

Now think about anyone that you care for or look after, whether they live with you or not.

<u>39.</u> Do you care for, or look after, someone? For example, because they have a disability, an illness, a drug or alcohol problem, a mental health problem, or problems related to old age.

Yes
No
Prefer not to say

40. Do you help care for, or look after, them....



- A couple of times a week
- Once in a while
- Prefer not to say

The next few questions are about smoking and drinking alcohol



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41. How often do you smoke tobacco at present?

Every day

At least once a week, but not every day

Less than once a week

] I do not smoke

Prefer not to say

An e-cigarette (electronic cigarette) or a vape is a device that puffs nicotine vapour instead of burning tobacco like a cigarette does. E-cigarettes can have different flavours and come in many shapes and sizes - like pens, boxes and flash-drives. Most are rechargable. Sometimes they can look like cigarettes and can only be used once.

42. How often do you use e-cigarettes / vape at present?

- Every day
- At least once a week, but not every day
- Less than once a week
- I do not use e-cigarettes / vape
- Prefer not to say

43. How often do you USUALLY have an alcoholic drink?

- More than once a week
- About once a week
- About once a fortnight
- About once a month
- Only a few times a year
- I never drink alcohol now

We now have some more questions about your life.

Please remember that you don't have to answer any questions that you don't want to answer.

44. Do you have an adult in your life who you can trust and talk to about any personal problems?

No, I don't
Yes, I sometimes do
Yes, I always do

Prefer not to say

45. How easy is it for you to talk to any of the following people about things that really bother you?

Please tick one circle on each line or leave blank if you prefer not to say

	Easy	Difficult	to me
Friend(s)			
Mum / female carer			
Dad / male carer			
Brother(s) / Sister(s)			
Counsellor (someone who is trained to listen and give you advice about your problems or help you manage your feelings)			
GP or Nurse			
Teacher(s)			
Counsellor (someone who is trained to listen and give you advice about your problems or help you manage your feelings) GP or Nurse			

46. How easy is it for you to talk to any of the following people about things that really bother you?

Please tick one circle on each line or leave blank if you prefer not to say

	Easy	Difficult	Does not apply
	,	2	to me
Neighbour(s)			
Youth Worker			
Other family members (e.g. grandparent(s))			
Social Worker			
Another adult you trust			
Club or Group leader (e.g. sports coach, girl guides, boys brigade, scouts, etc.)			

The next few questions ask you about your relationships and sexual health. Please remember that you don't have to answer any questions that you don't want to answer.

You may feel that some of the following questions don't apply to you and your experience. Where that is the case, you may wish to choose the 'this question does not apply to me' option.

47. Do you currently have a boyfriend/girlfriend?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

48. Does your current boyfriend/girlfriend do any of the following things? Please tick one box on each line

	Often	Quite often	Occasionally	Never	Prefer not to say
Makes you feel safe and respected?					
Encourages you to do something you enjoy?					
Constantly checks where you are?					
Puts you down when you are together or in front of other people?					
Comments negatively on how you dress?					
Tries to or limits the time you spend with friends?					
Puts pressure on you to do sexual things?					

49. People have varying degrees of sexual experience. How much, if any, sexual experience have you had?

None
Small amount (e.g. kissing, some intimate touching on top of clothes)
Some experiences but no sexual intercourse (e.g. touching intimately underneath clothes or without clothes on)
More experiences, including oral sex
Vaginal or anal sex
Prefer not to say

50. The most recent time you had vaginal or anal sex (penetrative sex), did you or the other person use a condom?

This question does not apply to me
Yes
No
Don't know
Prefer not to say

<u>51.</u> The most recent time you had penetrative vaginal sex, did you or the other person use anything to prevent pregnancy?

	This question does not apply to me
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- Yes
- 🗌 No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

52. The most recent time you had penetrative vaginal sex, which of these forms of contraception did you or the other person use to prevent pregnancy? PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY OR LEAVE BLANK IF NONE APPLY OR YOU PREFER NOT TO SAY

Condom
Implant
Hormonal coil (intrauterine system or hormonal coil)
Non-hormonal coil (intrauterine device, IUD)
Injection (e.g. "the jag")
Contraceptive pill

- Hormonal patch
- Vaginal ring

53. The most recent time you had penetrative vaginal sex, did you or the other person use any of the following to try to prevent pregnancy? PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY OR LEAVE BLANK IF NONE APPLY OR YOU PREFER NOT TO SAY

- Fertility app
- Withdrawal (e.g. pulling out)
- Emergency contraception
- Something else
- Don't know

54. Have you had vaginal or anal sex (penetrative sex) more than once?

Yes

- 🔄 No
- Prefer not to say

55. The first time you had penetrative sex, did you or the other person use a condom?

- Yes
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

56. When you first had sex, would you personally say:

- You wanted it to happen earlier
- You wanted it to happen at that time
- You would rather have had it later
- You did not ask yourself that
- Prefer not to say

57. Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sex for the first time?

- ___ Yes
- No No
- 📃 I do not remember
- Prefer not to say

58. Which of the following best describes you....?? Please tick one circle on each line

	Doesn't apply to me	Fully agree	Agree	Disagree	Totally disagree	Prefer not to say
I find it easy to say 'no' to having sexual experiences I don't want						
I find it easy to ask for help regarding sexual health issues						
I find it easy to get information on sexual health I find it easy to say what I want in relationships						

And finally, a couple of questions about where you live.

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59. Generally speaking, I feel safe in the area where I live...

Always
Most of the time
Sometimes
Rarely or Never
Prefer not to say

60. Do you think that the area in which you live is a good place to live?





Thank you for taking part in the Scottish Health and Wellbeing Census. You are helping your school, your local authority and the Scottish Government to understand more about the lives of children and young people, and things that matter to you.

If any of the questions you have seen has raised any issues which you would like to talk about, then please speak to someone you can trust. This could be your parent(s), carer(s), teacher(s), youth worker(s), etc.

Further information will have been provided by your school teacher.

Please remember that the only people who will see your answers will be a small number of analysts in your local authority and in the Scottish Government. Other analysts may also ask to see your answers in order to conduct their own research, but this will only happen if the local authority or the Scottish Government agree to this.

Your parents, teachers and friends will not see your answers. However, the local authority may need to act on something you have said if they feel this will help you. This should NOT happen very often, but if it does then it is ONLY being done

because they want to make sure that you are OK.

Once again, thank you for taking part.