

YOUNG PERSONS' BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES SURVEY 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) has been commissioned by various government departments (including the Departments of Education, Health and Communities) to conduct the **ninth** round of the Young Persons' Behaviour and Attitudes Survey (YPBAS) which takes place every three years.

YPBAS is the primary source of information on the behaviour and attitudes of 11-16 year olds living in Northern Ireland. Approximately 7,500 pupils took part in the previous survey in 2022. You can view the findings of that, and previous years, at: <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/young-persons-behaviour-attitudes-survey>.

Why should my child take part?

Your child's school has been invited to take part in this year's survey and their class has been randomly selected for their year group. We're delighted to have your school involved, as participation helps ensure that the voices of students are heard and valued. The insights gathered will play a valuable role in shaping future policies for all young people across Northern Ireland.

Some of the topics for the 2025 survey are likely to include:

Nutrition	Education	Gambling
Health & Wellbeing	Travelling to School	Substance Use
Physical Activity/Sport	Personal Safety	Sexual Health
Careers Advice/Next Steps	Culture, Arts & Leisure	Self-efficacy & Locus of Control

The survey will take place during the school day and will last approximately 30 minutes.

What about pupil confidentiality, safeguarding and data protection?

NISRA will treat all the data we collect with respect, keeping it secure and confidential. The results of the survey will be presented in such a way that no individual pupil or school can be identified, and no individual pupil information will be passed onto school staff.

NISRA has a dedicated field force of trained interviewers who have been securely vetted in line with NI Civil Service vetting standards and will have undertaken safeguarding training within 3 months of attending your school.

A copy of the NISRA Privacy Notice which explains our commitment to protecting information can be found on our website: <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/nisra-privacy-notice>.

What happens next?

Pupil participation is voluntary, but I very much hope you will allow your child to take part. This is an important study, and we rely on a high level of co-operation to give us reliable results. I am grateful that you have taken the time to consider this request. **If you are content for your child to participate in the survey, you do not need to reply to this letter.**

If you wish your child to be withdrawn from the survey, please let us know as soon as possible and at least two working days prior to their survey date by emailing YPBAS@nisra.gov.uk or by calling us on 02890 255352. Please include your child's name, class name and school name in any correspondence, so we can inform the school of your request.

Yours faithfully,



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