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Self-completion questionnaire (10-15 yrs)

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COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The questions inside cover a wide range of subjects, but each one can be answered simply by ticking the box next to the answer, as in the example below. Next to some of the boxes are arrows and instructions. They show or tell you which question to answer next. If there are no special instructions, just answer the next question.

Example question

Q16 Did you have breakfast today?

Yes ☒

No ☐ → 18

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If you have any questions or need help, please ask the interviewer or get in touch - our contact details are on the letter. Thank you again for your help.

1 Please write in your date of birth.

Day Month Year

YPDOBM YPDOBY

2 Please tick whether you are male or female.

YPSEX Male ☐ Female ☐

3 Do you ever use a computer at home? This includes computers for playing games but not games consoles.

YPCOMP Yes ☐ → 4
No ☐ → 7
Don't have a computer at home ☐ → 7

4 How often do you use a computer at home for doing schoolwork or course work?

YPPCHW Every day ☐
At least once a week ☐
At least once a month ☐
Less often than once a month ☐
Never ☐



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How many hours do you spend using the computer at home for playing games on a normal school day?

YPCPGS

None

☐

Less than an hour

☐

1–3 hours

☐

4–6 hours

☐

7 or more hours

☐

6

How often do you use the computer at home for connecting to the Internet, including for playing games?

YPCINTNT

Every day

☐

At least once a week

☐

At least once a month

☐

Less often than once a month

☐

Never

☐

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Do you belong to a social web-site such as Bebo, Facebook or MySpace?

YPSOCWEB

Yes

☐

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No

☐

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How many hours do you spend chatting or interacting with friends through a social web-site like that on a normal school day?

YPNETCHT

None ☐Less than an hour ☐1–3 hours ☐4–6 hours ☐7 or more hours ☐

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Do you or anyone else in your house have a games console such as Playstation, X-Box, Wii or something like that?

YPCONSOL

Yes ☐ → 10No ☐ → 11

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How many hours do you spend playing games on a games console on a normal school day?

YPCONSTM

None ☐Less than an hour ☐1–3 hours ☐4–6 hours ☐7 or more hours ☐

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How many hours do you spend watching TV, including video and DVDs, on a normal school day?

YPTVVIDHRS

None

Less than an hour

1–3 hours

4–6 hours

7 or more hours

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Do you have your own personal mobile phone?

YPMOBU

Yes

No

13

How many close friends do you have – friends you could talk to if you were in some kind of trouble?

YPNPAL

Write in number

The next few questions are about you and your family.

14

In the past 7 days how many times have you eaten an evening meal together with the rest of your family who live with you?

YPEATLIVU

None

☐

1–2 times

☐

3–5 times

☐

6–7 times

☐

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Do you feel supported by your family, that is the people who live with you? YPFAMSUP

I feel supported by my family
in most or all of the things I do

☐

I feel supported by my family
in some of the things I do

☐

I do not feel supported by
my family in the things I do

☐

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Suppose you felt upset or worried about something and you wanted to talk about it. Who would you turn to first within your family?
Please tick one box only.

YPUPSET

Mum or stepmum

☐

Dad or stepdad

☐

A brother or sister (or step-brother/sister)

☐

Another relative living with you

☐

Another relative not living with you

☐

No-one within my family

☐

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In the past month, how many times have you stayed out after 9.00pm at night without your parents knowing where you were?

YPLATE

Never

☐

1–2 times

☐

3–9 times

☐

10 or more times

☐

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Do you have any brothers or sisters living with you at home?

YPSIBLING

Yes

☐

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No

☐

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How often do any of your brothers or sisters do any of the following to you at home?

	Never	Not much (1–3 times in last 6 months)	Quite a lot (more than 4 times in the last 6 months)	A lot (a few times every week)
Hit, kick, or push you YPSIBHIT	☐	☐	☐	☐
Take your belongings YPSIBSTEAL	☐	☐	☐	☐
Call you nasty names YPSIBVERAB	☐	☐	☐	☐
Make fun of you YPSIBTEASE	☐	☐	☐	☐

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How often do you do any of the following to your brothers or sisters at home?

	Never	Not much (1–3 times in last 6 months)	Quite a lot (more than 4 times in the last 6 months)	A lot (a few times every week)
Hit, kick, or push them YPHITSIB	☐	☐	☐	☐
Take their belongings YPSTEALSIB	☐	☐	☐	☐
Call them nasty names YPVERABSIB	☐	☐	☐	☐
Make fun of them YPTEASESIB	☐	☐	☐	☐



The next few questions are about your relationship with your parents even if either of them live in a different household to you.

21

Most children have occasional quarrels with their parents.
How often do you quarrel with your mother?

YPARGM

Most days

☐

More than once a week

☐

Less than once a week

☐

Hardly ever

☐

Don't have a mother

☐

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How often do you quarrel with your father?

YPARGF

Most days

☐

More than once a week

☐

Less than once a week

☐

Hardly ever

☐

Don't have a father

☐

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How often do you talk to your mother, about things that matter to you?

YPTLKM

Most days ☐More than once a week ☐Less than once a week ☐Hardly ever ☐Don't have a mother ☐

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How often do you talk to your father, about things that matter to you?

YPTLKF

Most days ☐More than once a week ☐Less than once a week ☐Hardly ever ☐Don't have a father ☐

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Do you have a step-mother or father, or someone like this, living at home with you?

YPSTEPHAS

Yes ☐ → 26No ☐ → 27

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How would you rate your relationship with your step-mother or father, or other person like this?

YPSTEPREL

Very good ☐

Good ☐

Fair ☐

Poor ☐

Very poor ☐

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Now for some questions about how you see yourself as a person. For each item, please tick the box for Not True, Somewhat True or Certainly True. It would help us if you answered all items as best you can even if you aren't absolutely certain. Please give your answers on the basis of how things have been for you over the last six months.

	Not true	Somewhat true	Certainly true
I try to be nice to other people. I care about their feelings YPSDQA	☐	☐	☐
I am restless, I cannot stay still for long YPSDQB	☐	☐	☐
I get a lot of headaches, stomach-aches or sickness YPSDQC	☐	☐	☐
I usually share with others (food, games, pens, etc.) YPSDQD	☐	☐	☐
I get very angry and often lose my temper YPSDQE	☐	☐	☐
I am usually on my own. I generally play alone or keep to myself YPSDQF	☐	☐	☐
I usually do as I am told YPSDQG	☐	☐	☐
I worry a lot YPSDQH	☐	☐	☐
I am helpful if someone is hurt, upset or feeling ill YPSDQI	☐	☐	☐
I am constantly fidgeting or squirming YPSDQJ	☐	☐	☐
I have one good friend or more YPSDQK	☐	☐	☐



	Not true	Somewhat true	Certainly true
I fight a lot. I can make other people do what I want YPSDQL	☐	☐	☐
I am often unhappy, down-hearted or tearful YPSDQM	☐	☐	☐
Other people my age generally like me YPSDQN	☐	☐	☐
I am easily distracted, I find it difficult to concentrate YPSDQO	☐	☐	☐
I am nervous in new situations. I easily lose confidence YPSDQP	☐	☐	☐
I am kind to young children YPSDQQ	☐	☐	☐
I am often accused of lying or cheating YPSDQR	☐	☐	☐
Other children or young people pick on me or bully me YPSDQS	☐	☐	☐
I often volunteer to help others (parents, teachers, children) YPSDQT	☐	☐	☐
I think before I do things YPSDQU	☐	☐	☐
I take things that are not mine from home, school or elsewhere YPSDQV	☐	☐	☐
I get on better with adults than with people my own age YPSDQW	☐	☐	☐
I have many fears, I am easily scared YPSDQX	☐	☐	☐
I finish the work I'm doing YPSDQY	☐	☐	☐

The next few questions are about how you feel about different aspects of your life.

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Below is a scale from 1 to 7 where '1' is completely happy and '7' means not at all happy. Please tick which comes closest to describing how you feel about each of the following:

Tick one box on every row

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Completely happy						Not at all happy
Your school work? YPHSW	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The way you look? YPHAP	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your family? YPHEM	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your friends? YPHRF	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The school you go to? YPHSC	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Your life as a whole? YPHLF	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐



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Overall, do you like living in this neighbourhood?

YPLLKNBRD

Yes

☐

No

☐

30

How much do you worry that you might be a victim of a crime?

YPCRWRA

A big worry

☐

A bit of a worry

☐

An occasional doubt

☐

Not a worry at all

☐

31

How safe would you feel walking alone in this area after dark?

YPCRWORD

Very safe

☐

Fairly safe

☐

A bit unsafe

☐

Very unsafe

☐

The next questions are about school and what you want to happen in the future.

32

How important do you think it is for you to do well in your GCSE exams or Standard Grades (if you live in Scotland)?

YPACVWELL

Very important ☐

Important ☐

Not very important ☐

Not at all important ☐

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The age young people must stay in education or training differs somewhat across the UK. What would you most like to do when you have completed your final GCSE / Standard Grade year at around age 16? YPLVSC2DO

Get a full-time job ☐ → 35

Stay at school or college to do A levels/Highers ☐ → 34

Get an apprenticeship ☐ → 34

Do some other form of training ☐ → 34

Do something else ☐ → 34

Don't know ☐ → 34



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Would you like to go on to do further full-time education at a college or University after you finish school?

YP2UNI

Yes

☐

No

☐

Don't know

☐

35

In the last 12 months, have you ever played truant, that is missed school without permission, even if it was only for a half day or single lesson?

YPTRUANT

Yes

☐

No

☐

36

My parents are interested in how I do at school.

YPPARSCH

Always or nearly always

☐

Sometimes

☐

Hardly ever

☐

Never

☐

Not sure

☐

37

My parents come to school parents evenings.

YPPAREVE

Always or nearly always ☐

Sometimes ☐

Hardly ever ☐

Never ☐

Not sure ☐

38

How often do other pupils at your school misbehave or cause trouble in your classes? YPOTRMISB

In most or all of your classes ☐

Less often but in more than
half of your classes ☐

In about half your classes ☐

Now and then ☐

This is not a problem at all ☐



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And how often would you say you yourself misbehave or cause trouble in your classes? YPMISBSCH

In most or all of your classes ☐

Less often but in more than half of your classes ☐

In about half your classes ☐

Now and then ☐

This is not a problem at all ☐

Now some questions about bullying at school.

40

How often do you get physically bullied at school, for example getting hit, pushed around or threatened, or having belongings stolen?

YPFRPBULLI

Never ☐

Not much (1–3 times in the last 6 months) ☐

Quite a lot (more than 4 times in the last 6 months) ☐

A lot (a few times every week) ☐

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How often do you get bullied in other ways at school such as getting called names, getting left out of games, or having nasty stories spread about you on purpose?

YPFROBULLI

Never

☐

Not much (1–3 times in the last 6 months)

☐Quite a lot (more than 4 times
in the last 6 months)☐

A lot (a few times every week)

☐

42

Do you physically bully other children at school by hitting or pushing them around, threatening them or stealing their things?

YPFRPBULLY

Never

☐

Not much (1–3 times in the last 6 months)

☐Quite a lot (more than 4 times
in the last 6 months)☐

A lot (a few times every week)

☐

43

How often do you bully children in other ways at school such as calling them names, leaving them out of games or spreading nasty stories about them on purpose?

YPFROBULLY

Never

☐

Not much (1–3 times in the last 6 months)

☐Quite a lot (more than 4 times
in the last 6 months)☐

A lot (a few times every week)

☐

Here are some questions about money and any work you may do.

44

Which of the following describes what you usually do with your money?

YPSAVE

I save up to buy things I want

I save money and try not to spend it

I spend money as soon as I get it

I generally do not have pocket money

45

How much money did you receive last week to spend on yourself?
Please include pocket money and any allowance you get. But if you have a job, do not include money you earned.

YPPKMP

Write in number of £

and pence

46

Did you do any paid work last week?

YPWKLW

Yes



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No



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How many hours paid work did you do last week? If you have more than one job please write in the total hours worked at all of them.

YPWHRS

Write in hours

48

What was your total pay last week? If you earned money from more than one job, please write in the total you earned from all of them.

YPPAY

Write in number of £

and pence

The next questions are about taking care of others

49

Some people your age may have to look after other people. This could be a brother or sister, a relative or someone else who is disabled or sick. Is there anyone like this who lives here with you that you have to look after on a regular basis?

YPCARE

Yes – in this household

☐

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No

☐

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Who do you look after? Tick all that apply.

Mother/Father

☐

YPCAWHO1

Grandfather/Grandmother

☐

YPCAWHO2

Brother/Sister

☐

YPCAWHO3

Another adult relative

☐

YPCAWHO4

Another adult who is not a relative

☐

YPCAWHO5

Another child relative

☐

YPCAWHO6

Another child who is not a relative

☐

YPCAWHO7



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About how many hours a week would you say that you usually spend looking after or doing things for them?

YPCAHRS

Write in hours

52

How often do you have to miss school to do this?

YPCASCH

Never

Once a week or more often

Once or twice a month

Here are a few questions about health and nutrition.

53

How many days in a usual week do you eat fast food such as McDonalds, Burger King, KFC or other take-aways like that?

Every day, or nearly every day

YPFFDWK

About once a week

Every now and then

Never or hardly ever

54

How many days in a usual week do you eat crisps or sweets or have fizzy drinks such as Coke or lemonade?

- YPJFD
- Every day, or nearly every day ☐
- About once a week ☐
- Every now and then ☐
- Never or hardly ever ☐

55

Do you ever smoke cigarettes at all?

YPEVRSMO

Yes ☐ → 56

No ☐ → 57

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Please read the statements below and tick the box beside the statement that describes you best. YPSMOFRQ

I have smoked only once or twice ☐

I used to smoke but I don't now ☐

I sometimes smoke, but not every week ☐

I usually smoke between one and six cigarettes a week ☐

I usually smoke more than six cigarettes a week ☐



Just to remind you, all your answers are confidential and will not be seen by anyone in your household.

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Do you have any friends who drink alcohol regularly, that is at least once a week?

YPFRALCO

Yes

☐

No

☐

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Have you ever had an alcoholic drink? That is a whole drink, not just a sip.

YPEVRALC

Yes

☐

59

No

☐

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59

And would you say that you drink regularly, that is at least once a week?

YPREGALCO

Yes

☐

No

☐

60

How many times in the last four weeks have you had an alcoholic drink?

YPDKLM

Most days

☐

Once or twice a week

☐

2 or 3 times

☐

Once only

☐

Never

☐

61

How often in the past month have you had a fight with someone that involved physical violence, such as hitting, punching, or kicking?

YPFGHT

None

☐

Once

☐

2–5 times

☐

6–9 times

☐

10 or more times

☐

62

In the past year, have you deliberately broken or damaged property that didn't belong to you?

YPVAND

Never

☐

Once or twice

☐

Several times

☐

Often

☐

63

In the past year, have you taken something from a shop, supermarket, or department store without paying?

YPSHOP

Never

☐

Once or twice

☐

Several times

☐

Often

☐

Please tick one answer on the list for each of the following questions.

64

Which of the following groups do you think you belong to?

YPRACE

White

British ☐

English ☐

Scottish ☐

Welsh ☐

Northern Irish ☐

Irish ☐

Gypsy or Irish Traveller ☐

Any other White Background ☐

Mixed

White and Black Caribbean ☐

White and Black African ☐

White and Asian ☐

Any other mixed background ☐

continued...

Asian or Asian British

Indian ☐

Pakistani ☐

Bangladeshi ☐

Chinese ☐

Any other Asian background ☐

Black / African / Caribbean / Black British

Caribbean ☐

African ☐

Any other Black background ☐

Other

Arab ☐

Any other ethnic group ☐



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And what is your religion? If you have no religion tick "No religion".

YPRELIGGB

No religion

☐

Church of England/Anglican

☐

Roman Catholic

☐

Church of Scotland

☐Free Church or Free Presbyterian
Church of Scotland☐

Episcopalian

☐

Methodist

☐

Baptist

☐

Congregational/United Reform/URC

☐

Other Christian

☐

Christian (no denomination specified)

☐

Muslim/Islam

☐

Hindu

☐

Jewish

☐

Sikh

☐

Buddhist

☐

Other

☐

I don't know

☐

66

If you could vote for a political party, which one would you vote for?

YPVTE3GB

Conservatives ☐

Labour ☐

Liberal Democrat ☐

Scottish National Party ☐

Plaid Cymru ☐

Green Party ☐

UK Independence Party ☐

British National Party ☐

Other party ☐

None ☐

67

How interested are you in politics?

YPVTE6

Very interested ☐

Fairly interested ☐

Not interested ☐



The final two questions are about what you want to do in the future.

68

At what age would you like to leave home?

Write in age

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Finally, what job would you like to do once you leave school or finish your full-time education?

YPSOC

Thank you for your help

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