

What sorts of questions are asked in the questionnaire?

There are different questionnaires for different age groups, the first is for 3rd and 4th class, the second for 5th and 6th class and 1st year in post-primary school and the 3rd for students from 2nd year up. The questionnaires for the younger groups are shorter and less detailed.

About You

This section contains questions on gender, school class/year, age, language spoken and where students were born.

Eating & Dieting

This section contains questions relating to eating habits and dieting. For example, how often breakfast is eaten, how many days certain foods are consumed and how often one goes to bed hungry.

Physical activity

This section asks students about how active they are during the day, how often they exercise and how they get to and from school on a typical day.

Tobacco, alcohol & drugs

This section contains question on smoking, alcohol use and reasons for drinking alcohol. It also includes a question on cannabis use. Younger students are not asked questions on alcohol or cannabis use.

About school

This section focuses on how students feel about school, their teachers, their classmates and their school work.

You, your health & how you feel

This section of the questionnaire deals with aspects of students' health, including frequency of attending the doctor and dentist, self-rated health and happiness, weight and height questions, as well as, questions about puberty (e.g., for boys "have you begun to grow hair on your face?", and for girls "have you begun to menstruate?"). There are also some questions on illnesses such as frequency of headaches and stomach aches. Younger students are not asked the puberty or frequency of illnesses questions.

Bullying

This section asks about bullying in school and outside of school, including a question on what students did if they ever witnessed bullying.

Violence & injuries

This section provides a definition of an injury and asks about injury, circumstances surrounding injury events, and severity of injuries. There is also a question that asks about involvement in a physical fight. Younger students are not asked these questions.

About you and your family

This section is concerned with students' family and home lives. It asks students how easily they can talk to different members of their family, who they live with, how well off they think their family is and about their mother and father's jobs.

Your local area

These questions ask students to tell us if they live in a city, town, village or countryside area. It also asks students how safe they feel in the area and if they think it is a good place to live.

About you and your friends

This section is about friendships. It asks how many close friends students have, how often they spend time with their friends and how often they speak on the phone to their friends.

Leisure and other activities in your free time

This section deals with the amount of time students spend watching television, playing videogames and on the computer. It also asks about what type of organised activities (e.g., sports, music classes) the students are involved in. Younger students are not asked these questions.

More about you and your family

This section includes questions to identify family affluence including how many computers the family owns, whether the family has a car or a van and frequency of holiday travel as a family.

Sexual behaviour

This section of the questionnaire is **only for students aged 15 years and older**. It asks whether students have had sexual intercourse, how old they were when they first had sexual intercourse and what, if any, method of contraception was used.