Estyn | Dros ddysgwyr, dros Gymru
For learners, for Wales

Pre-inspection questionnaire - Maintained Special & Independent Special: Pupil (secondary)

Please tell us what you think about your school. Think about your own experiences and not the experience of your friends.

Read each sentence and tick the box that fits with what you think. There are no right or wrong answers. For some questions, you will be able to explain why you have chosen that answer if you want to.

Please answer honestly.

We care about your views. We will read your answers and use them to find out more about the school. We may also use these questionnaires to help us understand what pupils think of schools across Wales.

The questionnaire is anonymous. We don't ask for your name. This means that your answers are secret.

Estyn inspectors will:

- Read your answers
- Only tell other people what you have said if they are worried about your safety or another pupil's safety.

If you are worried about anything at school, it is important that you speak to an adult at school or at home.

Your answers will be stored securely on our databases in line with our data retention policy. For information about how we handle your personal information please refer to our privacy notice: Click here for our privacy notice

1. Year group

- [ ] Year 7
- [ ] Year 8
- [ ] Year 9
- [ ] Year 10
- [ ] Year 11
- [ ] Year 12
- [ ] Year 13

2. I enjoy school

- [ ] Always
- [ ] Often
- [ ] Occasionally
- [ ] Never

3. I feel safe when I am at school

- [ ] Always
- [ ] Often
- [ ] Occasionally
- [ ] Never

4. Other children behave well in my lessons

- [ ] Always
- [ ] Often
- [ ] Occasionally
- [ ] Never

5. Other children behave well during breaks and lunchtimes

- [ ] Always
- [ ] Often
- [ ] Occasionally
- [ ] Never

6. Do you feel bullied in school?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Please use this space if you would like to tell us any more about how staff dealt with this.

7. If you were sad or unhappy in school, who would you speak to? (you can tick more than one box)

- [ ] A teacher
- [ ] A support assistant
- [ ] A friend
- [ ] A member of the family
- [ ] Someone else
- [ ] No-one

Please use the space below if you'd like to tell us more about how the school supports you if you're not happy at school.

8. I find the work I'm given in most lessons...

- [ ] About the right level of difficulty
- [ ] Too easy
- [ ] Too hard

9. I find my lessons interesting

- [ ] Always
- [ ] Often
- [ ] Occasionally
- [ ] Never

10. Staff encourage pupils to respect people of all races, genders, sexualities, religions, backgrounds or disabilities

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

11. Do you feel that you are unfairly treated in school for any of the following reasons? (you can tick more than one box)

- [ ] Your ethnic background
- [ ] Your religion
- [ ] Your gender
- [ ] Your sexual orientation
- [ ] Your disability
- [ ] Your additional learning need
- [ ] The language you speak at home
- [ ] None of the above

12. Staff encourage me to take part in school activities outside of lessons, like clubs, sports, music or art

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

13. Adults in the school listen to our suggestions and sometimes change things when we ask

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree

14. My school helps me make decisions about my next steps

For example, moving year group or school, choosing qualifications for the future, going to university or other education and training options like apprenticeships, or finding a job

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

15. Please use the space below to tell us anything else about your school

Reading: Developing readers

16. I enjoy reading, looking at books, stories, pictures, or other reading activities in school.

- [ ] Agree

- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

17. Adults help me with reading in a way that works for me.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

18. I can choose my own reading books and materials.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

19. I enjoy it when adults read to me or my class.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

20. I feel happy or proud when I try my best with reading.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

21. I get the help I need to understand and improve my reading.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

22. I know what I need to do to get better at reading.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

23. I use reading in different lessons.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

24. I know how reading can help me in everyday life.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

25. I read, look at books, or listen to stories at home.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

Reading: Confident readers

26. I enjoy reading in school and outside school.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

27. I can choose what I want to read at home and at school.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

28. The school shows that reading is important and enjoyable.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

29. I read to find out about things that interest me and help me learn.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

30. I get the help I need when reading is difficult.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

31. Reading helps me learn across different subjects.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

32. I know what I need to do to improve my reading.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

33. I read for enjoyment both in school and outside lessons.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

34. I understand how the reading activities and materials used in school help me improve.

- [ ] Agree
- [ ] Disagree
- [ ] Not sure

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. We are also interested in who you are. We don’t ask your name, but we would like to know your age, about your ethnicity and national identity, and your religion.

You do not have to answer these questions.

The reason we are asking these questions is to help us understand how different groups of pupils across Wales feel about their school. For example, the difference between boys' and girls' answers.

35. Would you like to continue?

- [ ] Yes, I'm happy to answer more questions
- [ ] No, I'd like to complete the survey now

36. How old are you?

- [ ] 11
- [ ] 12
- [ ] 13
- [ ] 14
- [ ] 15
- [ ] 16
- [ ] 17

- [ ] 18
- [ ] 19
- [ ] I do not want to answer

We are interested in your identity and how you see yourself. First, we would like to know about your gender.

37. Are you? You can tick more than one.

- [ ] A boy
- [ ] A girl
- [ ] I don't know
- [ ] I do not want to answer
- [ ] I describe myself as:

We are also interested in your ethnicity and national identity.

For example, some people consider themselves to be Black, some people consider themselves to be Asian and Welsh, and some people might see themselves as Chinese and British.

38. How would you describe yourself? You can tick more than one.

We are using the words "Gypsy, Roma, or Traveller" because they are used in national forms, like the Census. These words include different groups of people who may have different families and ways of life. If these words don't work for you, you can choose the "I describe myself as..." option and write words that best describe who you are.

- [ ] Arab
- [ ] Asian
- [ ] Bangladeshi
- [ ] Black
- [ ] Black African
- [ ] Black Caribbean
- [ ] British
- [ ] Chinese
- [ ] Dual nationality
- [ ] English
- [ ] Gypsy or Roma Traveller
- [ ] Indian
- [ ] Irish
- [ ] Mixed heritage
- [ ] Northern Irish
- [ ] Pakistani
- [ ] Polish
- [ ] Scottish

- [ ] Ukrainian
- [ ] Welsh
- [ ] White
- [ ] I do not want to answer
- [ ] I don't know
- [ ] I describe myself as:

39. We would like to know about your religion. Are you..? You can tick more than one.

- [ ] Buddhist
- [ ] Christian
- [ ] Hindu
- [ ] Muslim
- [ ] Jewish
- [ ] Sikh
- [ ] I do not have a religion
- [ ] I do not want to answer
- [ ] I describe myself as:

We are interested in disability and additional learning needs.
For example - some people have extra help in class.

40. Do you have a disability or additional learning need (ALN)? You can tick more than one.

- [ ] I have a disability
- [ ] I have an additional learning need
- [ ] I do not have a disability or an Additional learning need
- [ ] I do not want to answer

41. Which languages do your family speak at home? You can tick more than one.

- [ ] Arabic
- [ ] Bengali

- [ ] British Sign Language
- [ ] English
- [ ] Polish
- [ ] Romanian
- [ ] Ukrainian
- [ ] Urdu
- [ ] Welsh
- [ ] I do not want to answer
- [ ] We speak:

42. How confident do you usually feel when speaking Welsh?

- [ ] Very confident
- [ ] Fairly confident
- [ ] Not very confident
- [ ] Not at all confident
- [ ] I never speak Welsh
- [ ] I do not want to answer