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# Young people encouraged to have their say as Statistics Jersey launch the Children and Young People's Survey

Young people in Jersey have the opportunity to have their views heard next month (October 2024) as Statistics Jersey launch the Children and Young People's Survey.

The survey, which will run between Monday 7 and Friday 18 October, is: voluntary; anonymous to complete; and hosted online.

It is offered to students from Year 4, 6, 8, 10 and Year 12, as well as students who are home educated. It is also translated into Polish and Portuguese.

Questions are age appropriate and cover a range of social topics such as health, food, exercise, bullying, alcohol, smoking and drugs. The survey results are used across Government of Jersey in a lot of different areas including Education, Public Health, Policy, the youth service and in the Island Outcome Indicators.

Last time it was carried out in 2021, the survey received a strong response, with an 85 percent response rate.

Letters about the survey have been sent to schools and via the home educators' advisory teacher. Parents will receive letters about the survey this week.

Statistics Jersey do not ask for or publish any identifying information, such as someone's name or address, of anyone who completes the survey. All responses are anonymous. Schools do not see individual responses – these go straight to Statistics Jersey.

This survey in various forms has been run since 1998. This year's survey will include a few new questions on topics such as leisure time, religion and gender stereotypes.

Chief Statistician Ian Cope said: "The results from the survey will allow for a better understanding of life from the perspectives of children and young people. Their views will help decision-making for the services provided to children and support adequate provision in areas such as mental health, sport and exercise, and sexual health. We would again hope for very high response rates from children and young people so that their voice is heard."

## About the survey:

- The survey is run independently by Statistics Jersey and includes topics suggested by a range of users across government and bodies such as Jersey Sport.
- This version of the survey, initially scheduled for October 2023, was postponed due to industrial action by teachers. The previous survey was conducted in October 2021.
- All questions are reviewed by an independent ethics committee to ensure that they are suitable and age appropriate.
- The language of the questions has been carefully considered to maximise understanding and schools will have provisions for students with additional learning requirements.
- The survey has been run since 1998, enabling changes in behaviours and attitudes to be monitored over time.
- The final report will be published in Spring 2025, alongside a child-friendly version, which will be shared with schools to distribute to children.

Link to CYP Survey web page:

[Jersey Children and Young People's Survey \(gov.je\)](#)

Link to JCYPS report from 2021

[R Jersey Children and Young People's Survey 20220309 SJ.pdf \(gov.je\)](#)