

Nationwide survey of children and young people

We're contacting you about a really important survey to help children and young people to tell Welsh Government how they've felt about lockdown: how it's impacted on their health; any worries they've had; how they think it might affect their education; and also any positives they've had from it. It's a joint survey from the Welsh Government, the Children's Commissioner for Wales, Youth Parliament for Wales / Senedd Ieuenctid Cymru and Children in Wales.

The survey has been developed and tested with children and young people.

It will help Government to respond in the best way to the situation as it develops, and to inform how they work with and talk to children and young people during this crisis and beyond. We need your help to ensure that as many children as possible have a chance to have their say.

Please note that the survey makes clear where children can seek help if they are affected by any of the topics in the survey.

The survey [is here](#). We'd expect it to take children 15 minutes to complete and they can do it on any device by following the link. It'll be open for just 2 weeks and closes on 27 May. We aim to get results out as soon as we can after the survey closes.

How to use the survey:

- Please use your existing networks to get this survey out to as many children as possible, using your usual communication channels, including social media. There is a drafted social media post at the end of this message, please feel free to use it. There's also a video that can be downloaded and shared.
- For those children who you know might not have the internet at home, we're hoping you might be able to find the time to do the survey with them over the phone during any regular check-ins you're already doing. It would mean the member of staff opening the survey and inputting the answers as they're given over the phone.
- The web survey has three options: one for children aged 7-11; one for young people aged 12-18; and one accessible survey that uses widget symbols to support the text. Children can choose the right one for them. All three surveys have the same link.
- We've also given the option for children under the age of 7 to complete a picture or write a message to have their say. You might decide that this is an accessible option for some children in other age groups too.

You can choose the best way for you to share with children or parents, but please feel free to use this text:

People who can make a difference to your life want to hear from you about how life has been like over the last few weeks.

The Children's Commissioner for Wales, the Youth Parliament and Children in Wales have been working with the Welsh Government, to make sure that they hear and listen to what you have to say. All of those people want to make sure they are doing their best for all children and young people in

Wales. They want to make sure that they are giving you the information and support you need to feel as happy as possible during this time and afterwards.

The survey should take you around 15 minutes.

The survey closes on 27th May.

Please share your views. The survey is on this link: www.childcomwales.org.uk/coronavirusandme

Draft social media post:

Are you a young person in Wales? How is lockdown affecting you? Are there any issues that are making you worry or concerned? Or perhaps you've had a positive experience of lockdown? Whatever it is, please share your views through this survey, #CoronavirusAndMe:
<https://bit.ly/2Anb7Px>