

School Climate Study 2025

Information sheet for pupils

Dear pupil,

We are inviting you to take part in the **School Climate Study**. This involves completing a short survey about your school. This leaflet provides more information to help you decide whether to take part.

What's the study about?

The study is run by the **National Centre for Social Research (NatCen)**, with support from the **Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)** and the **Youth Endowment Fund (YEF)**. School climate refers to how a school feels, its values or ethos, and the ways people interact with each other.

We want to learn more about what school is like for pupils and how schools can make sure everyone feels supported, safe, and ready to learn. We're looking at things like:

- How pupils feel about their school
- How schools manage pupil behaviour
- How teachers support pupils
- What helps pupils do well in class

Your answers will help us understand what works best in schools across England.

Why take part?

Taking part means that you and your school's voice is heard. Your answers will contribute directly to important research. You'll help researchers understand what helps make schools better places to learn and feel supported. What you say may help other pupils and teachers in the future.

What does the pupil survey involve?

- The survey is for pupils in **Years 7, 8, and 9**.
- It asks about your experiences of school- things like good and bad behaviour in your school, support from teachers, and learning.
- It takes about **15–20 minutes** to complete.
- Please try to finish it all in one go, because your answers won't be saved if you stop part-way through.

The findings will help schools, researchers, and policymakers understand what helps create a positive school environment and community.

How would the information provided be used?

Everything you tell us will stay **completely confidential**. No one at your school, including teachers or the headteacher, will see your individual answers. We will not ask for your personal information in the survey except which **year you are in, the name of your school and gender**.

When we report the results, we combine everyone's answers together so that no one can be identified.

The information and answers you provide in the survey will only be used by researchers to understand school practices in England.

The survey results will be safely stored for any future research purposes (this is called archiving). If the study continues, researchers might also look at information like pupils' attendance or exclusions from national school records. This will always be reported **anonymously**, so no one will know which answers belong to which pupil.

Support contacts

The organisations listed below provide support on a range of issues. If being involved in this research has raised questions or concerns for you about something or you would like to speak to somebody in confidence, you can use them to access support. Some people find these details helpful to keep for future reference.

Childline

Free, 24-hour support for children and young people in the UK

Helpline: 0800 1111 (Free, 24 hours daily)

Website: www.childline.org.uk

The Mix

Support for anyone under 25 years old

Helpline: 0808 808 4994 (4–11pm daily)

Website: www.themix.org.uk

Samaritans

Free, confidential support to talk through concerns, worries and troubles

Helpline: 116 123 (Freephone, 24 hours)

Email: jo@samaritans.org

Website: www.samaritans.org

Any questions?

For further information about the study including the information sheet and privacy notice, please visit the project webpage at www.natcen.ac.uk/SchoolClimateStudy.

If you have any questions, please get in touch by emailing us at SchoolClimate@natcen.ac.uk or call **0808 168 2790**.

Kind regards,

The NatCen research team