# The Big Ambition - Have your say!

# 1. About this survey



Hi, my name is Rachel and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England.

I have launched this survey, The Big Ambition, to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged up to 18.

I will use this survey to take children and young people's views to the Government.

Everything you tell me will be kept private, and you don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. To find out more, visit my website at http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition.

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly!

# 2. A bit about you

I need to know a little bit about you, so I can ask the right questions.

# Are you a child or young person (including young people aged 18 if attending school or college)? \*

Yes, I am a child or young person	
No, I am an adult responding on behalf of a child or young person	1

## 3. Easy read option

#### Would you like to see a survey with larger text and more pictures?

No
Yes

4. About you

Please tell me a bit about yourself.

#### How old are you? \*

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	18 (attending school or college)
	18-24
	25 or over
	l don't want to say

#### Are you a ...?

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Girl
I don't want to say/ other

#### Your ethnic background is...

White
Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
Black, Black British, Caribbean or African
Asian or Asian British
Other ethnic group
l don't know
I don't want to say

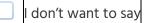
#### Where do you live most of the time?

With my parent(s)
With foster parent/carer(s)
With family members other than my parent(s) e.g., grandparents, aunt/uncle
A children's home
A residential school
A mental health hospital
A secure setting (e.g., a secure training centre, young offender institution, or secure children's home)
l don't want to say
Somewhere else (Select this option to tell us where you live most of the time)

# Do you have any Special Education Needs or Disabilities (SEND)?

This includes any disability, medical needs, learning difficulty or special needs that means you need extra help at school to do the same lessons or activities as the rest of your age group.

Yes
No
l don't know



#### Do you have a social worker?

Social workers work with families to help children and keep them safe.

Yes
No
l don't know
l don't want to say

#### Where in England do you live?

Please write the name of the county, city, or borough of London you live in below.

#### Do you go to school or college?

Yes
No, I am home educated
No, I don't take part in any education
l don't know
I don't want to say

#### Which school or college do you go to most of the time?

Please write the name of your school or college, the name of the town or city and your school's postcode in the box below. If you do not attend school or college, please leave the box blank.

## 5. Big ambitions for children and young people

Now, you will be asked if you agree or disagree with some statements about you and your experiences.

The statements have seven themes: Better World, Care, Community, Family, Health, Jobs and skills, and School.



Better world is about the natural environment and climate

change, both in local areas and on a global scale. It is also about ensuring equality and fairness for all children and young people.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	l don't know or don't want to say
People who run the country listen to your views						
You feel empowered to change issues that you care about						
You are treated fairly						



Care is about making sure that children and young people who can't live with their own families live with people who love them and keep them safe and get the same opportunities as everyone else.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	l don't know or don't want to say
You live with people who make you feel loved and cared for						
You have somewhere to call home						



Community is about making sure children and young

people will have fun places to play and spend time in their local area, be kept safe when they go online, and be able to trust adults whose job it is to protect them from crime.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	l don't know or don't want to say
You have fun activities to do near where you live						
You feel safe and protected in your local area						
You feel safe when you go online						



Family is about making sure that children and young people grow up in loving families, and that parents and families can get help if they need it.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	l don't know or don't want to say
Your family gets to spend quality time together						
Your family has everything they need to support you						



Health is about making sure that children and young people feel happy and well, have healthy lifestyles, and can get help if they are ill.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know or don't want to say
You have a healthy diet						
You feel happy with the way you look						
You have someone supportive to talk to about how you feel						
You can access good healthcare when you need it						



Jobs and skills is about making sure that all children and young people are supported to achieve their dream careers.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know or don't want to say
You know about money and life skills						
You know about apprenticeships, university options and career paths						
You have the same opportunities as other children and young people						



School is about making sure that all children and young people can get a great education and enjoy being in school everyday.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	l don't know or don't want to say
You enjoy school or college						
You have great teachers who support you						

# 6. Tell us what you think

What do you think the Government should do to make children's lives better?

I think...

This survey is anonymous so the Children's Commissioner's office cannot respond to any comments. Some helpful resources can be found on the next page.



# Thank you for having your say

If you would like learn more about The Big Ambition, see the Children's Commissioner's website at:

https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition-have-your-say/.

The Children's Commissioner has brought together a series of resources and activities for children and young people to explore at: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/things-to-do/.

If you would like to contact us about this survey or The Big Ambition, you can contact us using the contact form on our website:

https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/about-us/contact/.

# Returning the completed survey

Once you have filled in paper copies of the survey, please complete the survey using the answers you have gathered at: http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Alternatively, you can email us the completed survey at:

research.network@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

Or post completed responses to us at:

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