

# 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)? \***

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I am a child or young person
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, I am an adult responding on behalf of a child or young person

## 3. Easy read option

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes

## 4. About you

Please tell me a bit about yourself.

**How old are you? \***

<input type="checkbox"/>	5 or under
<input type="checkbox"/>	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	7
<input type="checkbox"/>	8
<input type="checkbox"/>	9
<input type="checkbox"/>	10
<input type="checkbox"/>	11
<input type="checkbox"/>	12
<input type="checkbox"/>	13
<input type="checkbox"/>	14
<input type="checkbox"/>	15
<input type="checkbox"/>	16
<input type="checkbox"/>	17
<input type="checkbox"/>	18 (attending school or college)
<input type="checkbox"/>	18-24
<input type="checkbox"/>	25 or over
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't want to say

**Are you a ...?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Boy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Girl
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't want to say/ other

**Your ethnic background is...**

<input type="checkbox"/>	White
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black, Black British, Caribbean or African
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other ethnic group
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't want to say

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

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

**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.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't want to say

**Do you have a social worker?**

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	I 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?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, I am home educated
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, I don't take part in any education
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	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**

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's also about making sure all children are treated fairly and equally.**

**How much do you agree or disagree with the statements below?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know or don't want to say
People who run the country listen to your views	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You feel like you can make a difference to things you care about	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You are treated fairly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**Care is about making sure that children 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.**

**How much do you agree or disagree with the statements below?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know or don't want to say
You live with people who make you feel loved and cared for	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have somewhere to call home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**Community is about making sure children 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 keep them protect them from crime.**

**How much do you agree or disagree with the statements below?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know or don't want to say
You have fun activities to do near where you live	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You feel safe when you go online	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You feel safe and protected in your local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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

**How much do you agree or disagree with the statements below?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know or don't want to say
Your family gets to spend quality time together	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your family has everything they need to support you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





**Jobs and skills is about making sure that all children are supported to achieve their dream job.**

**How much do you agree or disagree with the statements below?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know or don't want to say
You know about good jobs for when you are older	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have the same opportunities as other children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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

**How much do you agree or disagree with the statements below?**

	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have someone supportive to talk to about how you feel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## SCHOOL

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

How much do you agree or disagree with the statements below?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know or don't want to say
You enjoy school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have great teachers who support you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**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/>.

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### **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](mailto:research.network@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

Or post completed responses to us at:

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