

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. About you and the child you are responding on behalf of

Please tell me a bit about yourself and the child you are answering on behalf of.

The child can be any age up to 18 years old. To respond on behalf of more than one child, repeat the survey for each child.

What is your age?

<input type="checkbox"/>	18-24
<input type="checkbox"/>	25-34
<input type="checkbox"/>	35-44
<input type="checkbox"/>	45-54
<input type="checkbox"/>	55-64
<input type="checkbox"/>	65 or over
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't want to say

Are you...?

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

What is your relationship to the child for whom you are responding?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent, including step-parent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster parent/carer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other relative or kinship carer (e.g., grandparents, aunt/uncle)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Teacher/ Teaching assistant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth worker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other professional
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't want to say

<input type="checkbox"/>	Someone else (please specify): <input type="text"/>
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Where does the child live most of the time?

<input type="checkbox"/>	With their parent(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	With their foster parent/carer(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	With relatives or kinship carers other than their 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 know
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't want to say
<input type="checkbox"/>	Somewhere else (select this option to tell us where they live most of the time): <input type="text"/>

What is the child's age?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Under 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	5
<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 or over
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't want to say

Is the child...?

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

Please choose one option that best describes the child's ethnic background.

<input type="checkbox"/>	White Includes British, Northern Irish, Irish, Gypsy, Irish Traveller, Roma or any other White background.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed or multiple ethnic groups Includes White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian or any other Mixed or Multiple Background.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black, Black British, Caribbean or African Includes Black British, Caribbean, African or any other Black background
<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian or Asian British Includes Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese or any other Asian background
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other ethnic group Includes Arab or any other ethnic group
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't want to say

Does the child have any Special Education Needs or Disabilities (SEND)?

This includes any disability, medical need, learning difficulty or special need, like Autism or ADHD, that means they need extra help at school to do the same lessons or activities as the rest of their 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

Does the child have a social worker?

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

Which local authority does the child live in?

Please provide the name of the county, city or borough of London that they currently live in.

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Does the child go to nursery, school or college?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, they are home educated
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, they are educated at another setting (e.g., a childminder)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, they don't take part in any education
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't want to say

4. The child's school name

Which nursery, school or college does the child go to most of the time?

Please provide the school name, town and postcode.

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5. Big ambitions for children in England

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

For the statements below, please refer only to the child that you are responding on behalf of.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know, I don't want to say or not applicable
They have someone supportive to talk to about how they feel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Their family has everything they need to support children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They feel empowered to change issues that they care about	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They know about money and life skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They feel safe and protected in their local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They enjoy school or college	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They know about good jobs for when they are older	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They live with people who make them feel loved and cared for	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They feel safe online	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Their thoughts about the future are listened to	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They have somewhere to call home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know, I don't want to say or not applicable
They have a healthy diet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Their 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"/>
They 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"/>
They are treated fairly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They have great teachers who support them	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They can access good healthcare when they need it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They know about apprenticeships, university options and career paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They have fun things to do in their local area	<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/>.

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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