



On Monday 19 April 2020 the recently appointed Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, launched her Big Ask, the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. The survey runs until Wednesday 19 May.

Details are available on her website:

The Big Ask | Children's Commissioner for England
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask>

The survey had different sets of questions for the following age groups: 4-5, 6-8, 9-12, 13-17 & Adults. There was however no way to review the questions before answering every question non the first two of three pages.

In response to a Freedom of Information Request her office provided five text files, one for each age group.

These files were made available to the HE Byte team, so that home educated young people would be able to review the questions before deciding if they wanted to participate in the Big Ask.

Further copies of this and all the other files can be downloaded from:
<https://he-byte.uk/the-big-ask>



Questionnaire 4 'The Big Ask': Survey for 4-5 year olds

We're going to ask you about what you think as a parent, guardian or carer, is important for your child's future and what you think is holding them back.

Once you have answered some short questions the survey will then ask you to hand over to your child, so that they can answer some simple and fun questions about what they like to do.

Everything you and your child tell us will be kept private, and you don't have to answer any question if you don't want to.

If you have more than one child aged 4-5 who would like to answer this survey, please fill out the survey independently for each of them.

Section 1 - Parent Questions

Question 1

(SHOW EACH IN TURN) How happy are you with these things in your child's life now?

Statements:

1. Their friendships
2. Their access to somewhere outside to go to have fun
3. The choice of things for them to do in my local area
4. Their life at school
5. Their personal safety
6. Their progress in education
7. Their health
8. The family's health
9. The family life
10. Your family's ability to buy things you need
11. Their life overall

Rating:

- 1 – Very unhappy
- 2 – Unhappy
- 3 – Neither happy nor unhappy (neutral)
- 4 – Happy
- 5 – Very happy
- I don't know
- Not applicable

Question 2

Which things from the list below do you think are most important for your child to have a good life when they grow up? You can choose up to 5.

1. Having a good education
2. Good friends
3. A good job or career
4. Enough money to buy the things they need
5. Getting on well with their current family
6. Starting their own family
7. A nice home to live in
8. Good mental health
9. Good physical health
10. Being part of a good local community
11. Living in a nice area with things to do
12. Everyone being treated equally
13. A healthy environment and planet
14. Something else (Select this option to tell us what you think in your own words)
15. I don't know (exclusive)
16. I don't want to say (exclusive)

Question 3

Which of these, if any, are you most worried that your child won't have when they grow up? You can choose up to 5.

1. A good education
2. Good friends
3. A good job or career
4. Enough money to buy the things they need
5. Getting on well with their current family
6. Starting their own family
7. A nice home to live in
8. Good mental health
9. Good physical health
10. Being part of a good local community
11. Living in a nice area with things to do
12. Everyone being treated equally
13. A healthy environment and planet
14. SHOW TEXT ENTERED UNDER 'SOMETHING ELSE' IN QUESTION 1
15. I'm not worried about anything (exclusive)
16. I don't know (exclusive)
17. I don't want to say (exclusive)

Section 1.1 - About your child

Please answer these questions about your child who will be answering the questions in the next section. This information will be kept safe and confidential and we won't use it to identify you or your child.

Question 1

How old is your child?

Question 2

What is your child's gender?

1. Male
2. Female
3. Prefer not to say

Question 3

Choose one option that best describes your child's ethnic group or background

1. White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
2. White: Irish
3. White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller
4. Any other White background
5. White and Black Caribbean
6. White and Black African
7. White and Asian
8. Indian
9. Pakistani
10. Bangladeshi
11. Chinese
12. Any other Asian background
13. African
14. Caribbean
15. Any other Black/African/Caribbean background
16. Arab
17. Other ethnic group (Select this option to tell us what best describes your child's ethnic group or background)
18. I don't want to say

Question 4

What school does your child go to most of the time?

If they are educated in two different places, provide your answer for the one they attended for the most time in the last term.

1. (AUTOFILL SCHOOL RESPONSE)
2. Other/their school isn't in this list (free text box to input name of school)
3. They are home educated
4. They don't take part in any education
5. I don't know (exclusive)
6. I don't want to say (exclusive)

Question 5

Please tell us your postcode if you know it.

We are asking for this information so that we can understand how the results vary across different parts of the country. Your postcode won't be used to identify you or your child and we will keep it completely confidential.

1. POSTCODE INPUT BOX
2. I don't know
3. I don't want to say

5A. IF ANSWER 'I DON'T KNOW' OR I DON'T WANT TO SAY to Q5: What is your local council?

Your local council should be suggested as you start typing

1. AUTOSUGGEST LOCAL COUNCIL
- OR
- b. My council isn't in the list
 - c. I don't know
 - d. I don't want to say

Thank you! That's the end of the parent questions, please hand the survey to your child for the last bit

Section 2 - Children Questions

Question 1

What do you most like to do at school? Select up to three pictures of things you most like doing

PICTURE 1 - Playing with friends

PICTURE 3 - Learning new things

PICTURE 4 - Talking to the teachers

PICTURE 5 - Meeting new people

PICTURE 6 - After school clubs or activities

PICTURE 7 - Something else/none of these

Question 2

What do you most like to do at home? Select up to three pictures of things you most like doing

PICTURE 1 - Playing with my family

PICTURE 2 - Reading books/being read books

PICTURE 3 - Watching TV

PICTURE 4 - Playing by myself

PICTURE 5 - Going outside in the garden or to parks

PICTURE 6 - Playing with my friends

PICTURE 7 - Something else/none of these

Question 3

Look at the pictures below, what would you most like to do more? Choose up to three things.

PICTURE 1 - More time with my family

PICTURE 2 - More time with my friends

PICTURE 3 - More time by myself

PICTURE 4 - Visit new places/ go on holiday

PICTURE 5 - Play outside more

PICTURE 6 - More time to learn new things

PICTURE 7 - Something else