



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>



## **The Big Ask – Adult Form**

### Survey intro

The Big Ask is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. We will use what children and young people tell us to show the Government what young people think and what they need to live happier lives.

As part of The Big Ask, we also want to hear from care leavers, parents and adults who work with children and young people living in England what they think about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The survey doesn't ask for any personal information and all responses are confidential.

This survey will take around 5 minutes to complete.

### **(Header) Your views on children's futures:**

1. When children and young people today grow up, which things, if any, do you think will be **most important** for them to have a good life? You can choose up to 5.

- a) Having a good education
- b) Good friends
- c) A good job or career
- d) Enough money to buy the things they need
- e) Getting on well with their current family
- f) Starting their own family
- g) A nice home to live in
- h) Good mental health
- i) Good physical health
- j) Being part of a good local community
- k) Living in a nice area with things to do
- l) Everyone being treated equally
- m) A healthy environment and planet
- n) Something else
- o) I don't know (exclusive)
- p) Prefer not to say (exclusive)

2. When children and young people today grow up, which of these, if any, are you **most worried** that they won't have? You can choose up to 5.

- a) A good education
- b) Good friends
- c) A good job or career
- d) Enough money to buy the things they need
- e) Getting on well with their current family
- f) Starting their own family
- g) A nice home to live in
- h) Good mental health
- i) Good physical health
- j) Being part of a good local community
- k) Living in a nice area with things to do
- l) Everyone being treated equally
- m) A healthy environment and planet
- n) I'm not worried about anything (exclusive)
- o) I don't know (exclusive)
- p) Prefer not to say (exclusive)

3. Briefly, what do you think stops children and teenagers in England achieving the things that they want to achieve when they grow up?

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I don't know (tick box)

Prefer not to say (tick box)

**(Header) A bit about you:**

4. Please enter your age

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Prefer not to say (tick box)

5. What is your gender?

- a) Male
- b) Female
- c) Prefer to self-describe as...(free text)
- d) I don't want to say

6. What Local Authority do you live in?

Your local council will have the same name as your nearest town or the county you live in. For example Essex, Camden, Manchester and Blackpool are all names of local councils. Start typing and your local council should be suggested.

AUTOSUGGEST LOCAL COUNCIL

OR

My council isn't in the list

I don't know

I don't want to say

7. Are you any of the following? Please tick any that apply to you:

Care leaver

Teacher

Social worker

Parent

None of the above

Prefer not to say