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Behaviour in Scottish Schools 2023

We are inviting you to take part in the Behaviour in Scottish Schools Research 2023. Carried out since 2006, this major study has been commissioned by the Scottish Government and is being carried out by the Scottish Centre for Social Research (ScotCen). The study has not taken place since 2016 and was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021. It is now going ahead and provides a unique opportunity to capture your recent experience of pupil behaviour.

Why take part?

To provide a national picture of positive and negative pupil behaviour in the classroom and around school we need to hear from head teachers, teachers and class-based support staff across the country. **This is your opportunity to ensure the voices of teachers inform national and local policy development and practice in relation to managing pupil behaviour.**

What does taking part involve?

We would like you to complete an online questionnaire based on your own perspective and experiences. You can take part using any pc, laptop or tablet at any time that suits you best. **The questionnaire can also be accessed on a smartphone but it will take longer to complete.**

Yours sincerely,

Susan Reid
Research Director

Just follow these simple steps:

- 1 Go to:
survey.natcen.ac.uk/bisslogin
- 2 Select your school from the drop down menu
- 3 Take a note of your unique access code (you can use this to re-enter the survey if you get interrupted)
- 4 Answer the questions by
<enddate> and click submit.

Any questions?

Some frequently asked questions are on the back of this letter. For further information about the study please email biss@scotcen.org.uk or call us on **0800 652 9295**.

Frequently asked questions



Who is carrying out the study?

The study has been commissioned by the Scottish Government and is being carried out by the Scottish Centre for Social Research (ScotCen). To find out more about ScotCen, please visit www.scotcen.org.uk.



What is the study about?

Some of the key areas the study explores include: the range of different approaches in promoting positive relationships and behaviour in use across Scotland; perceptions of the effectiveness of these approaches and the confidence of school staff to manage pupil behaviour. The study has been endorsed by members of all the teaching unions, Education Scotland, COSLA and the Scottish Advisory Group on Relationships and Behaviour in Schools (SAGRABIS). The results of the most recent survey (2016) can be found here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/behaviour-scottish-schools-research-2016/>.



How was I selected to take part?

To ensure we get a truly representative picture of pupil behaviour across Scotland, all publicly funded secondary schools and a random selection of primary schools are being invited to participate. **You have been invited to take part alongside roughly 5000 other teachers from across the country.** We are also asking head teachers and a random selection of class-based support staff to join in. The quality of the survey information depends on you completing it. No matter what type of pupil relationships and behaviour you experience in your work, **your experiences are very important to us.**



How will my information help?

The evidence the study gathers is crucial in providing an accurate picture of relationships, behaviour and current policy and practice in relation to managing behaviour in Scotland's schools. This information is essential to informing policy development as it provides a representative picture of experiences across the country. **This is not an inspection or assessment and no individual schools or staff members will be identifiable in the study.** We are interested in the overall behaviour in your school in order to better understand the picture at a national level.



How will you look after my data?

The information from this survey is used by the Scottish Government and researchers to understand and analyse change in pupil behaviour in Scotland's schools. We will treat the information you give us in the strictest confidence under the Data Protection Act 2018 and the EU General Data Protection Regulation. The results collected are used for research purposes only. At the end of the research, all data will be anonymised before being passed on to the Scottish Government and stored in an archive for other researchers to analyse.