# PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

### FOR THE PROJECT

# YOUNG PEOPLE, NEW MEDIA: Children, Young People and the Changing Media Environment

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Thank you for taking part in this important survey of children and young people's leisure use.

The world is changing dramatically and our children face new opportunities and challenges. The aim of this survey is to document childhood today in terms of these opportunities and challenges.

The information you give us will contribute to building up a picture of young people's lives in Great Britain today and will help to establish guidelines to secure a better future for all our children.

EVERYTHING YOU TELL US IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

_	ge of the child in your family whey in the box below.	o is taking
	yearsmonths	
FROM NOW ON PLE PARTICULAR CHILD	ASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS WITH E	REGARD TO THIS
activities outsi	and young people take part de school, such as clubs of di e moment does YOUR CHILD do any	fferent sorts.
DCIOW:	Never Less than once Once a wee	ek
PUT A CROSS IN EACH Swimming club/lesso Dancing class Music lesson Computer club Cubs/ Brownies etc Youth club Sports club Other club (PUT A C		
AND WRITE IN BELOW	")	
	OUR CHILD'S leisure time is s e (or garden) WITHOUT ADULTS be	_
PUT A CROSS IN ONE	BOX ONLY IN COLUMN 1	
_	ur child's age, how much of YOUR utside the house (or garden) with	
PUT ONE CROSS IN CO		
	Col 1 All/ Almost all of it  More than half About half Very little None of it	Co1 2
4 Do you have a ga	rden? Yes	

5aHow safe are the streets around where you live for YOUR CHILD to play/spend time in?

PUT ONE CROSS ONLY IN COLUMN 1

5bAnd how safe were the streets around where you lived when YOU were your child's age?

PUT	ONE	CROSS	IN	COLUMN	2
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	Col 1	Col 2
	Child	You
Very safe		
Quite safe		
Not very safe		
Not at all safe		

6 Below are some things which other parents have said they are concerned about.

Think about YOUR CHILD and what is effecting his/her life nowadays. Which THREE THINGS are giving you most cause for concern?

PUT	Educational standards in school Your child growing up with decent values Job prospects for your child	
	Violence, sex or bad language on TV Violence, sex or bad language on videos Addictive computer games	
	Having enough time to spend with child The availability of good social facilities, such as Youth Clubs etc The availability of good childcare facilities such as After School Clubs etc	
	Safety on the roads Your child being the victim of crime Availability of illegal drugs NONE A CAUSE FOR CONCERN FOR MY CHILD	
	Other concern (PUT A CROSS IN THE BOX AND WRITE IN BELOW)	

7 Now some questions about electronic equipment and other things you may have.

First, which of these things, if any, are more or less permanently in the CHILD'S ROOM?

	PUT CROSS(ES) IN C	_			
		Col 1 (In child's room)	Col 2 (Have in house)(	Col 3 Bought in last 6 m	Col 4 ths)(Intend to buy)
	TV set Cable/ satellite Teletext Video recorder Radio Personal stereo				
	(Walkman/ Dis Gameboy				
	TV-linked games ma (Sega/ Ninter	ido)			
	PC/ computer (does take CD-ROMs	;)			
	PC/computer (takes CD-ROMs) Internet link (mod Mobile phone Telephone				
	Shelf of books (not school bo Camcorder None of the things				
8	And which do you ELSE in your ho	me?	VHERE		
9	And which, if a		_		
10	Which, if any, months? PUT CR	<b>do you inter</b> OSS(ES) IN COLU	_	the next si	x

11 How many of thave of his/l		_	things	s, if	any, do	oes yo	ur chi	ld
PUT ONE CROSS C	ONLY IN EA	ACH COLU	JMN					
	Col 1	C	Col 2	Col	3 <b>puter</b>		Col 4	
	Books	v	/ideos	gam	puter es disc: tridges	s/	CD-ROM	s
None 1 - 2 3 - 10 11 - 24 25 or mor		[ [ [ [			triuges			
12 Now some quest: time. On a day about how long	when yo	ur chi	ild do	es any	of the	e thin	gs bel	
PUT A CROSS IN O	A few	Around		Around 2 hours	Around 3 hours			
Reading a book (not a school book) Reading a comic								
Watching TV on Saturd Watching TV on Sunday Watching TV on a week	s 🗌							
Watching a video Listening to music on radio/tapes/CDs/rec								
Playing a computer or video game Using a computer (not for games)								
13 In general ho available for			_			s curi	cently	
Qui	ONE BOX O y satisfic te satisf very sat	ed ied						
Not	at all s	atisfie	d 🗌					

14	Do you think it is a good thing person of your child's age to ha						n?
	PUT ONE CROSS ONLY						
	Mainly a good thing Mainly a bad thing Neither a good thing or a Don't know/ Can't decide	bad thi	ng 🗌				
15	Here are a number of things other child and TV.  How much do you agree or disagr					bout th	- eir
	PUT ONE CROSS IN EACH ROW	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree		ree Strongi disagre	
	My child learns a lot from TV						
	Watching TV has encouraged my child to be lazy						
	Watching TV has encouraged my child to read some good books						
	I think my child would read more if he/she watched less television						
	My child knows the difference between characters on TV and real people	e 🗌					
	My child often wants to buy things he/she has seen on TV						
	My child is too old for me to tell him/her what he/she can watch Watching TV has made my child grow						
	up too quickly						
	Watching TV has made my child think violence is a part of normal, everyday life	П	П	П	П	П	
	My child is often upset by violence in television news reports My child is often upset by violence						
	in fictional television programmes My child has sometimes copied violent						
	behaviour he/she has seen on TV						

16	language a 9.00 pm (t	oadcasters are required by law to moderate the and amount of violence shown on television before the "watershed"), as children may be watching. Do you crictions like this are a good idea or a bad idea?
	PUT A CROSS	Very good idea Quite good idea Bad idea Very bad idea No strong views
17	In your o	pinion when should "watershed" restrictions end?
	PUT A CROSS	Later than 11.00 pm  11.00 pm  10.00 pm  9.30 pm  9.00 pm as at present  8.30 pm  8.00 pm  Earlier than 8.00 pm  There shouldn't be any restrictions  No strong views
18	television	ime of year, on how many days a week do YOU watch  IN ONE BOX ONLY  6 or 7 days a week 4 or 5 days a week 2 or 3 days a week About once a week Less than once a week  DO NOT WATCH TV  Please go to Q 20
19	altogether	when you watch television, for about how long to do you watch on average?  IN ONE BOX ONLY  More than 6 hours Around 5 hours Around 4 hours Around 3 hours Around 2 hours Around 1 hour About half an hour Just a few minutes
20	Now some of computer?	questions about computers. First do YOU use a
	YOU MAY PUT	A CROSS IN MORE THAN ONE BOX  Yes at home Go to Q 21  Yos at work Go to Q 31

	No Go to Q 23
21	What do you use a computer for?
	YOU MAY PUT A CROSS IN MORE THAN ONE BOX  Entertainment (e.g. games)  Word processing  Programming/graphics/ data analysis Information  E-mail
22	How comfortable do you yourself feel about using computers?
	PUT A CROSS IN ONE BOX ONLY
	Very comfortable Fairly comfortable Not very comfortable Not at all comfortable
23	Who in your family knows most about computers and how to use them?
	PUT A CROSS IN ONE BOX ONLY  Me  My husband/wife  Child in survey  Child's brother  Child's sister  No difference  Don't know/ Can't say

24	People have different views at on society today. How much do following statements?				_	
	PUT ONE CROSS IN EACH ROW	Strongly agree	_	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	Reople get left behind if they don't know about computers  Computers stop people thinking for themselves  Computers are exciting  I'm keen for my child to know about computers  The school should teach my child more about computers  It is more important for children to understand computers than for their parents					
25 26	Do YOU YOURSELF sometimes say any of the things below? Pleas ones, if any.  PUT CROSS(ES) IN COLUMN 1  Do you yourself sometimes cha child? Which ones, if any, described to the control of the control of the characteristics.	se put a	a cro	ss to	tell us	s which
	PUT CROSS(ES) IN COLUMN 2  Col Say w Watch television/ videos Use/ play on a computer Listen to music Make telephone calls Read books Go out  None of the things above	_		Col 2 Chat		

	YOU MAY PUT MORE THAN ONE CROSS  How much money they can have  Getting homework done  Helping in the house  Going out  Going to bed  Getting up in the morning  Playing computer games  Playing/ listening to music  Watching TV Watching videos  Using the phone	
28	Suppose there is a big decision to be made, say, over going holiday or having someone come to live in your household while. What usually happens in your household?	_
	PUT A CROSS IN ONE BOX ONLY  The parent(s) decide and tell the child(ren) afterwards The parent(s) decide after discussing it with the child(ren)  Everyone discusses it and the family decides together The child(ren) have the final say Other (PUT A CROSS IN THE BOX AND WRITE IN BELOW)	
 29	Here is a list of various changes in our way of life that take place in the near future. Which THREE of these change would you most like to see?	
	PUT 3 CROSSES ONLY	
	Less emphasis on money and material possessions  Decrease in the importance of work in our lives	

Below is a list of the things that other parents have said can lead to arguments with their children. Which of these, if any,

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30	There is a lot of talk these days about what the aims of this country should be for the next 10 years. Below are listed some of the goals which different people would give top priority. Which ONE of these do YOU consider the most important?
	PUT ONE CROSS ONLY IN COLUMN 1
	And which would be the next most important?
	PUT ONE CROSS ONLY IN COLUMN 2
	Maintaining order in the nation
 31a	Now for some other kinds of questions. Could you please tell us at what time your child usually goes to bed when there is school or work the next day?  PUT ONE CROSS IN COLUMN 1
31b	And at what time does your child usually go to bed on a Friday or Saturday?
	PUT ONE CROSS IN COLUMN 2  Col 1 Col 2  Before 7.00
32	Does your child share a bedroom with someone else?
	YOU MAY PUT MORE THAN ONE CROSS  NO  Yes - with brother  Yes - with sister  Yes - with someone else

	PUT A CROSS	IN ONE BOX ONLY State primary school Private preparatory State secondary school	y school nool		Please go to	Q 32
		State middle school 6th form college Private secondary s	_			
		Being educated at 1	nome		Please go to	Q 33
34	Middle Sch equivalent	•				
	PUT A CROSS	IN ONE BOX ONLY	-		_ ,	
		Primary Scho Reception	ool _			ary school 7
		Year 1 Year 2	_		Year 8 Year 9	H
		Year 3			Year 10	Ä
		Year 4 Year 5 [ Year 6 [			Year 11 Year 12 Year 13	
35	_	with other child ow well is your				er age in
	PUT A CROSS	IN ONE BOX ONLY				
		About average About average				
		Below average				
36a	How many ( survey hav	DLDER brothers are?	nd sister:	s does	the child	in the
	PUT A CROSS	IN ONE BOX IN EACH	COLUMN			- 1 0
			Older	Col 1 brothe:		Col 2 sisters
			None 1			
			2 3+			
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33 Which type of school, if any, does your child attend?

36b	And how many YO survey have?	UNGER brot	hers/ sis	ters	does t	he child i	n the
	PUT A CROSS IN ONE	BOX IN EACH		Col 1		Col 2 Younger sis	ters
37	Finally, some of that we have sp First, are you survey, or the	ooken to a the mother	represent / female	ative guard	sample	e of paren	ts.
	PUT A CROSS IN ONE Mother/ fema	<i>BOX ONLY</i> le guardian	Fathe	er/ mal	e guard:	ian 🗌	
38	How old are you?						
	PUT A CROSS IN ONE		Under 25		40-44	П	
			25-29 30-34 35-39		45-49 50-54 55-59 60+		
39 Which of the following best describes you?  PUT ONE CROSS ONLY							
	FOI CIVE CROSS CIVEI	Married and Living with Separated or Widowed Single and n	partner, but divorced	it not	married		
40	How would you d	escribe yo	urself an	d the	child	s other p	arent?
		In part-time In full-time		М	other	Father	
		Unemployed (	looking for	work)			
		Full-time ho Retired/pens	•	band			
		Student					

41a When did you finish your full-time education? By that we mean spending 20 hours a week or more in education, registered as a full-time student.

41b	And when did the child's other parent finish full-time   education?			
	PUT A CROSS IN COL	JUMN 2		
	Under Aged 1 Aged 1 Aged 2 Still	6 7–19		
42	Please can you tell us what is the yearly income of your household, including any benefits.			
	PUT A CROSS IN ONE	### BOX ONLY Under £5,000		
		£9,500 - £11,499		
		£14,500- £17,499 £17,500 - £24,999		
		£25,000- £34,999		
43	What is the mai	n language spoken at home in your family?		
		BOX ONLY English Other (PUT A CROSS AND WRITE IN)		
44a	How would you d	escribe yourself?		
		White Black - Caribbean Black - African Black - Other Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi Chinese Any other ethnic group		
44b		llowing best describes the area where you live?		
		In the middle of a city		

45	Apart from such special occasions such as weddings, funerals or baptisms, how often, if at all nowadays do you attend services or meetings connected with your religion?				
	PUT A CROSS IN ONE BOX ONLY  Once a week or more About once a fortnight About once a month About once or twice a year Hardly ever/ never				
46	46 Finally, this survey is designed to see how families are usin different kinds of media. This may be changing rapidly at the moment and we may want to recontact some families after six months or a year. Would you be willing for your family to b recontacted?				
	PUT A CROSS IN ONE BOX ONLY  Yes Go to Q 47  NO END OF QUESTIONNAIRE				
	TO BE FILLED IN ONLY BY THOSE WILLING TO BE RECONTACTED				
47	Please give us your name, initials, address and telephone number.  NAME: (Mr/ Mrs/ Miss/ Ms CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE)				
	ADDRESS:				
	TELEPHONE NUMBER (including area code):				
THA INT	ANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. PLEASE GIVE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE ERVIEWER WHEN THE INTERVIEW WITH YOUR CHILD HAS ENDED OR POST				

IT BACK TO US IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.