

# WHAT WOULD WE LIKE YOU TO DO?

INFORMATION FOR STUDY MEMBERS



# THE AGE 17 SURVEY

## A QUICK GUIDE

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(around 45 minutes)

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(around 15 minutes)

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(around 10 minutes)

**4** GET MEASURED  
(around 10 minutes)

**5** GIVE PERMISSION FOR US TO ADD EXTRA INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

The rest of this booklet explains some of these parts of the survey in more detail. Please read on to help you decide whether you would like to take part.



# WHAT IS CHILD OF THE NEW CENTURY?

Child of the New Century (CNC) is well-known around the world for providing a detailed understanding of what it is like to grow up in the UK today. Researchers use the information to learn how people's experiences and circumstances in childhood can affect their lives later on. The research helps government, healthcare workers, teachers and others to develop services and policies that help improve people's health, education, development and wellbeing, both now and for future generations.

## WHAT HAS THE STUDY FOUND SO FAR?

The study has learnt lots about different areas of your lives. For example:



1 Childhood wellbeing is not related to the amount of money a family has

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Moving homes, often considered a major life event, doesn't affect children's development

3

Neighbourhood, friendships and getting on well with siblings are more important than growing up in a two parent home for children's happiness



Check out the study website to find out more about what the study has found!



[WWW.CHILDNC.NET](http://WWW.CHILDNC.NET)



# WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME TO TAKE PART?

As you know, you have been chosen out of all of the people in the country of your age to take part in this unique study.

Age 17 is an important time in your lives - some of you may be thinking about going on to university or what jobs you'd like to do, and some of you will already be working or doing apprenticeships. Taking part helps us to understand the links between your life at age 17, your childhood and your future. Your unique contribution is incredibly valuable so we do hope that you will take part.

## WHY ARE MY PARENT(S) BEING ASKED TO TAKE PART?

We would like your parent(s) (or a parent and their partner) who are living with you to complete a paper questionnaire, and a short questionnaire online. This is really important to get a full understanding of family life.

## WHO IS CARRYING OUT THE SURVEY?

The survey is being carried out by interviewers from Ipsos MORI and the National Centre for Social Research (independent research organisations) on behalf of the Centre for Longitudinal Studies at University College London. University College London is the sponsor.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE INFORMATION WE COLLECT?

The information you give us will be held securely and will be treated in strict confidence in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulation. Your name, contact details and any other details that may identify you will be kept separate from the information you give us in the survey. The information will be sent to the Centre for Longitudinal Studies and added to the information collected from other young people in the survey. It will then be made available to researchers so they can find out more about your generation. More information on how we keep your information safe can be found in the FAQs on the study website.



# WHAT WOULD WE LIKE YOU TO DO?

## ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR LIFE (around 45 minutes)

The interviewer will ask you questions about your life. For some questions, which might be more private, you will be asked to fill in the answers yourself on the interviewer's tablet. You don't have to answer anything you don't want to and there are no right or wrong answers. The questions cover lots of different topics, such as education and work, family, friends, and how you spend your time.

### WHY IS THIS USEFUL?

The information helps us to understand how different aspects of your lives affect your wellbeing, health and development. The information can also be compared to previous generations, to see how this might have changed over time.

## COMPLETE A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE ONLINE AFTER THE VISIT (around 15 minutes)

We would also like to ask you to complete a short questionnaire online after the visit. The interviewer will explain what to do when they visit you.

## DO A NUMBER ACTIVITY (around 10 minutes)

We would like you to do a number activity. The interviewer will show you what to do when they visit and answer any questions you have. Some of you may find this kind of activity more enjoyable than others, and some of you might find it challenging. It's still really important that everyone takes part. You will not be given a score, and the results will not be given to anyone else, such as your school or college.

### WHY IS THIS USEFUL?

We ask you to complete different types of activities every time we visit you. We haven't asked you to do any number activities since you were seven, and we'd like to see how you have changed in the last ten years.

Researchers have used the information provided by these activities in lots of ways, for example to study links between family circumstances and events that happen in early childhood, before school even starts, and cognitive development later on.

## GET MEASURED (around 10 minutes)

We would like to measure your height, weight and body fat percentage. You can ask for a record of your measurements, but the interviewer won't tell you them if you prefer not to know. The interviewer won't read your measurements out loud, or share them with anyone else.

### WHY IS THIS USEFUL?

This provides valuable information about the growth of young people. For example, these measurements help to understand the extent to which diet and lifestyle contribute to health. This information can be used to design the most effective policies to help young people stay healthy.

## GIVE PERMISSION FOR US TO ADD EXTRA INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

We'd like to add some information about you held by government departments to the information you give us as part of the study.

**Before the interviewer visits, they will send you another booklet with information on why we would like to do this and what it involves.**

# CONTACT DETAILS

**If you would like more information about the survey, please contact the team using the details below:**

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