

Wandsworth Young People's Survey

Findings from the 2022 Survey A themed report for safety

The questionnaire

The Wandsworth Young People's Survey was developed by the Schools Health Education Unit (SHEU) in partnership with the London Borough of Wandsworth Public Health Team. The purpose of the survey was to obtain pupils' views on aspects of health and wellbeing including: healthy eating; safety; emotional wellbeing and leisure time.

Methodology

All primary and secondary schools were invited to participate in the survey during the spring and summer terms 2022, with the focus on Years 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 pupils. All surveys were undertaken anonymously online or via a paper based version. Completed paper questionnaires were returned securely to SHEU for processing which were then combined with the online results.

Participation

A total of 3263 pupils took part from 20 primary schools and 4 secondary schools. There was a reasonable mixture of boys (53%) and girls (42%) across the specified year groups. 4% didn't select male or female. 18% of the pupils surveyed described themselves as White British. 11% of pupils said that they had an additional need or disability. 19% said they were eligible for free school meals (17% currently receive them). 10% said they look after someone at home who couldn't look after themselves. 81% of Year 10 pupils said they were straight/ heterosexual.

Cross-phase data

Many of the questions in each survey (primary and secondary) are identical or very similar. Some of the results of these questions are presented on page 6 of this summary document, so that behaviour can be seen across the age range.

Links

It is possible to look for connections (see page 7) between the answers pupils gave to different questions in the survey and to look at behaviour profiles, are there differences between the experience of pupils from different **ethnic backgrounds** for example or whether a pupil who has low self esteem is likely to be bullied, etc.

Inequalities

A selection of questions has been selected to look for different responses across potential vulnerable groups (pages 3 and 5).

Reports

Further detailed reports, containing a summary of all responses received by the pupils are available. There are also 4 other themed reports to accompany this one - see list below.

3263 young people were involved in the survey

School Year	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 8	Year 10	Total
Age	8-9	9-10	10-11	12-13	14-15	
Boys	311	321	356	283	357	1,628
Girls	352	343	314	141	145	1,295
Total	691*	706*	689*	439*	525*	3050*

*127 pupils didn't tell us their gender another 213 secondary pupils were surveyed in other year groups but are not included in this report.

Reference sample

The Wandsworth sample has been compared with the SHEU wider data sample for other London Boroughs that have surveyed recently. These areas include Camden, Ealing, Greenwich, Haringey, Islington, Kingston and Richmond. Where possible, these figures are shown throughout the report in brackets ().

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Themed reports. This is number 3 of 5 reports

1) Healthy lifestyles

2) Drug education and substances

3) Emotional health and wellbeing

4) Relationships and sexual health

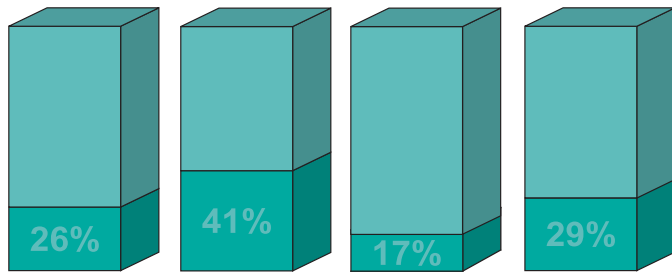
5) Safety



Wandsworth school pupils in Years 4 - 6 (ages 8 - 11)

BULLYING

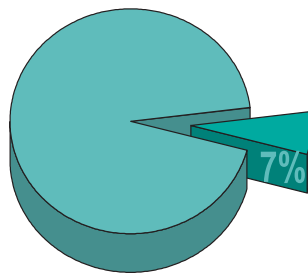
- 22% (26%) of boys and 37% (36%) of girls responded that they at least 'sometimes' feel afraid of going to school because of bullying:



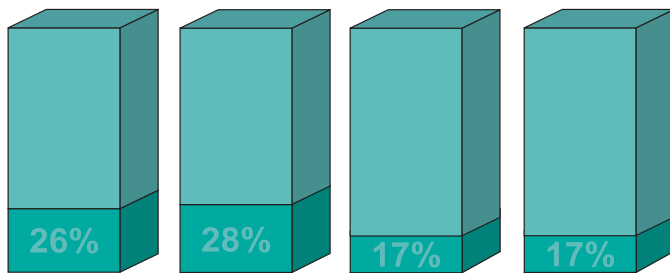
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- 7% (7%) of pupils responded that they 'often' or 'very often' feel afraid of going to school because of bullying.

- 6% (4%) of pupils think others may fear going to school because of them.



- 22% (19%) of pupils said they have been bullied at or near school in the last 12 months:



Year 4 Boys Year 4 Girls Year 6 Boys Year 6 Girls

- 63% (63%) of pupils said they have not been bullied at or near school in the last 12 months; 16% (18%) of pupils don't know if they have.

- 1% of Year 4/5 pupils said they have been bullied in the last 12 months because of a disability or learning difficulty; 3% said they were bullied because of their race or skin colour.

- Other reasons for being bullied are (top 5):

Year 4/5	Boys	Girls
Don't know why	10%	9%
Being different	3%	6%
Their size or weight	4%	6%
The way they look	4%	4%
Name or family background	3%	3%

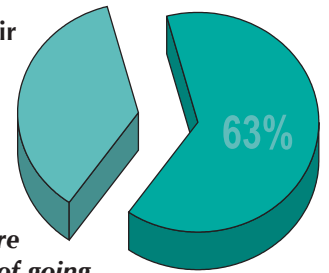
- 1% of Year 6 pupils said they have been bullied in the last 12 months because of their sexuality; 3% said they were bullied because of being different.

- Other reasons for being bullied are (top 5):

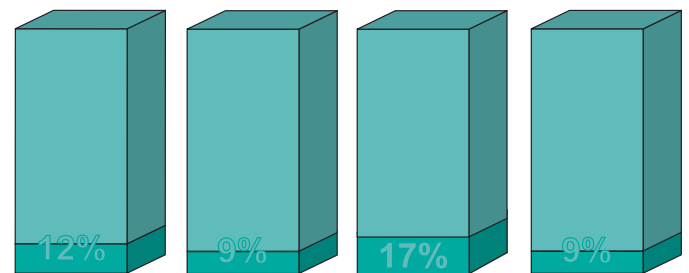
Year 6	Boys	Girls
Don't know why	7%	6%
Their size or weight	3%	7%
The way they look	3%	6%
Other	2%	4%
Being different	1%	3%

- 63% (53%) of pupils said their school deals with bullying 'quite' or 'very' well.

- 13% (13%) of pupils said their school deals with bullying 'badly' or 'not very well'. (12% of those who were 'often' or 'very often' afraid of going to school because of bullying said their school deals with it badly compared with 2% who weren't as afraid of going to school because of bullying).



- 13% (16%) of pupils said bullying is not a problem in their school:

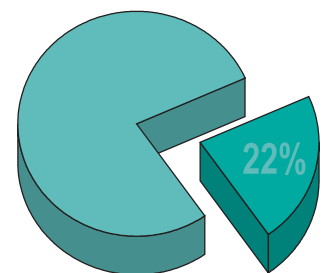


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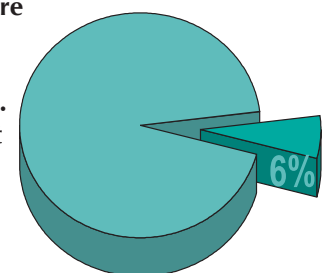
- 14% of pupils said they worry 'quite a lot' or 'a lot' about cyberbullying; 18% of pupils said the same about being bullied in other ways.

AT HOME

- 22% of Year 6 pupils said there has been shouting and arguing between adults at home at least 'once or twice' in the last month that frightened them; 6% said this has happened at least 'once a week'.

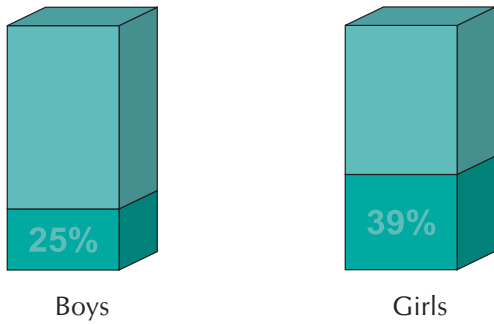


- 6% of Year 6 pupils said there has been violence or controlling behaviour between adults at home (e.g. hitting, punching, threats) at least 'once or twice' in the last month; 2% said this has happened at least 'once a week'.



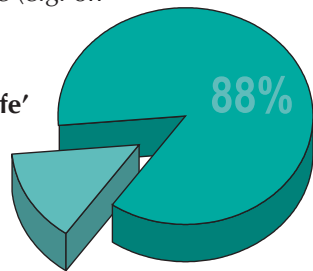
FEELING SAFE

- 32% (34%) of pupils said they feel 'unsafe' or 'very unsafe' when going out after dark:



- 17% (17%) of pupils said they feel 'unsafe' or 'very unsafe' on public transport and 16% (18%) said the same when they are online (e.g. on social media).

- 88% (88%) of pupils said they feel 'safe' or 'very safe' at school and 85% (85%) said the same of going out during the day.

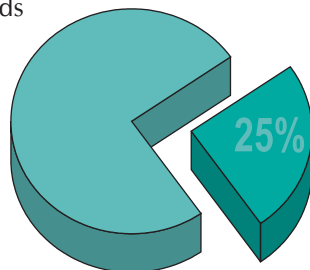


- 77% (76%) of Year 6 pupils said they feel 'safe' or 'very safe' when walking, cycling or running: 83% of Year 6 boys and 72% of Year 6 girls said this.

INTERNET SAFETY

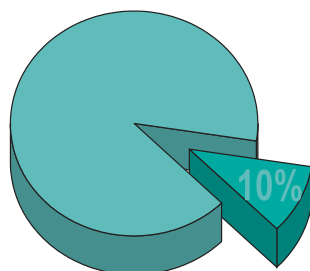
- 19% (18%) of Year 6 pupils (24% of boys and 15% of girls) said they have used live streaming.
- 85% (86%) of Year 6 pupils said they have chatted online; 50% use social media networking sites (e.g. Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram) to communicate with others.
- 79% (83%) of Year 6 pupils said they chat just to their friends or family that they know in real life whilst 51% said they chat to friends of friends.

- 25% (21%) of Year 6 pupils said they chat to other people who they don't know in real life.



- 20% (18%) of Year 6 pupils said they have got a message or picture that scared them or made them upset.

- 19% of Year 6 pupils said they have received a hurtful, unwanted or nasty message or picture whilst they were online; 10% said that hurtful comments were posted about them on a social networking site.



- Year 6 pupils who said 'yes' to the following questions:

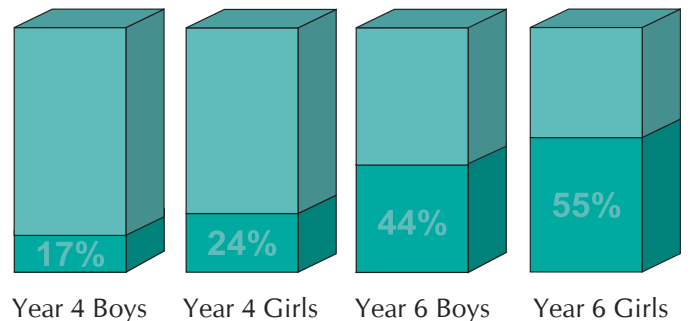
Year 6	Boys	Girls
Has anyone you didn't know asked to see pictures of you?	9%	9%
Has anyone (online or in person) threatened or pressured you to send a picture or video of yourself or show yourself on webcam?	5%	3%
Has anyone you don't know in person, asked to meet with you?	7%	6%
Have you ever met up with someone you first met online?	9%	5%
If YES, was this person much older than you?	3%	1%

- 6% of Year 6 pupils said that someone used/changed a picture to humiliate them whilst they were online; 4% said someone used their identity/password to post false or hurtful things online.

- 83% (85%) of Year 6 pupils said they have been told how to stay safe while online; 69% said they always follow the advice they have been given.

- 77% of primary boys and 53% of primary girls said they spent time playing computer games (e.g. Playstation, Nintendo DS, PC etc.) after school on the day before the survey.

- 33% of primary pupils said they spent time on social media (e.g. Whatsapp, Snapchat, Instagram etc.) after school on the day before the survey:



INEQUALITIES (Year 6 pupils) ≠

Significant differences between potentially vulnerable groups and 'All Year 6 Pupils' are as follows:

- ↑ Pupils with Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND) are more likely to have been bullied (25% vs 17%).
- ↑ Pupils with SEND are more likely to be afraid of going to school because of bullying (39% vs 23%).
- ↑ Pupils with SEND are more likely to have hurt themselves when stressed (33% vs 26%).
- ↑ Pupils with SEND are more likely to have experienced domestic violence at home (16% vs 6%).
- ↑ Girls are more likely to feel unsafe going out after dark (34% vs. 29%)
- ↓ Pupils from Asian backgrounds were less likely to have access to the Internet all the time at home for schoolwork (72% vs. 75%).

Wandsworth Secondary school pupils in Year 8 and Year 10 (ages 12 - 15)

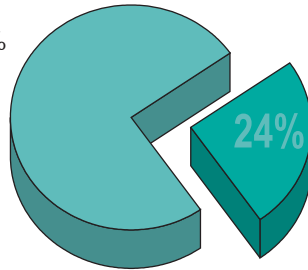
BULLYING

- Pupils said that the following things happened to them in the last month (top 5):

	Boys		Girls
Been called names	23%	Been called names	24%
Had rumours and/or information spread about them	14%	Had rumours and/or information spread about them	22%
Been physically harmed	10%	Been socially excluded by others	18%
Had property taken or damaged	9%	Been physically harmed	7%
Been socially excluded by others	8%	Been sexually harmed or harassed	6%

- 20% (20%) of pupils didn't know the focus for the behaviour, 4% (3%) said their gender and 3% (3%) said their sexuality.

- 24% (22%) of pupils said the behaviour took place in school while 7% (6%) said out of school.

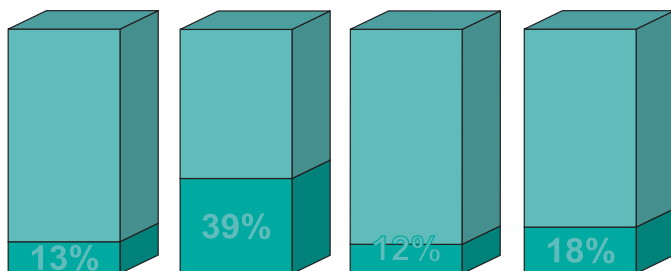


- 7% (7%) of pupils said the behaviour took place online while 9% (10%) said it was face to face.

- Pupils were asked if they told anyone about this:

	Boys		Girls
No one	12%	A Friend	27%
A friend	8%	An adult family member	15%
An adult family member	5%	No one	11%
A school staff member	3%	A school staff member	8%
A brother/sister	3%	A brother/sister	7%

- 18% (18%) of pupils said they at least 'sometimes' felt afraid of going to school because of bullying in the last month:



Year 8 Boys Year 8 Girls Year 10 Boys Year 10 Girls

- 3% (4%) of pupils said they were 'often' or 'very often' afraid to be in school because of bullying in the last month.

- 6% of pupils said they think others may fear going to school because of them.

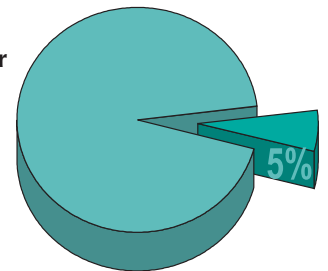
- Pupils said that they think they have been bullied for the following reasons (top 10):

	Boys		Girls
Their size or weight	11%	The way they look	26%
The way they look	10%	Their size or weight	16%
Don't know why	7%	Don't know why	15%
Their name or family background	6%	Their name or family background	13%
Being different	5%	Being different	11%
Their race or skin colour	5%	Their race or skin colour	11%
Other	4%	The clothes they wear	5%
Their religion or faith	3%	Being a boy or a girl	5%
Their sexuality	2%	Their sexuality	5%
The clothes they wear	1%	Other	5%

AT HOME

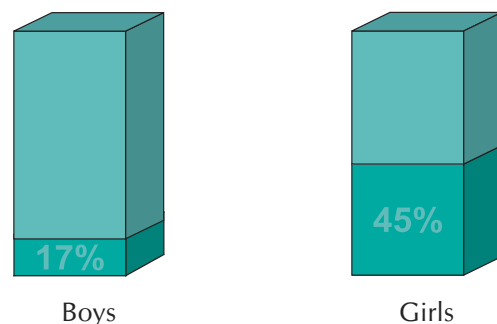
- 22% (17%) of pupils said there has been shouting and arguing between adults at home at least 'once or twice' in the last month that frightened them; 7% said this has happened at least 'once a week'.

- 5% (4%) of pupils said there has been violence or controlling behaviour between adults at home at least 'once or twice' in the last month; 2% said this has happened at least 'once a week'.



FEELING SAFE

- 26% (28%) of pupils said they feel 'unsafe' or 'very unsafe' when going out after dark:



- 8% (10%) of pupils said they feel 'unsafe' or 'very unsafe' on public transport and 5% (8%) said the same when they are online (e.g. on social media).

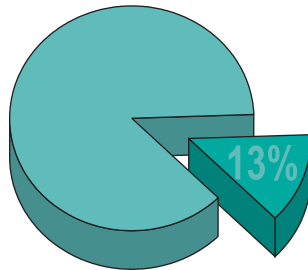
- 79% (80%) of pupils said they feel 'safe' or 'very safe' at school and 85% (81%) said the same of going out during the day.

- 79% (83%) of Year 10 boys and 49% (57%) of Year 10 girls said they feel 'safe' or 'very safe' when walking, cycling or running.

VIOLENCE AND WEAPONS

7% (4%) of pupils (8% (3%) of Year 10 girls) said that they have been the victim of violence or aggression in the area where they live in the last 12 months.

10% (7%) of pupils (**13% of Year 10 boys**) said that they have been involved in a violent incident where a weapon was used/threatened.



3% (2%) of pupils responded that they carry weapons for protection when going out.

3% (2%) of pupils responded that they have been asked to carry/look after a weapon for someone else.

Pupils said that the following things had happened to them online (top 5):

	Boys		Girls
Received a hurtful, unwanted or nasty message or picture	28%	Received a hurtful, unwanted or nasty message or picture	47%
Received very violent images	13%	Hurtful comments were posted about you on a social networking site	21%
Hurtful comments were posted about you on a social networking site	11%	Someone used/changed a picture to humiliate you	17%
Someone used/changed a picture to humiliate you	10%	Someone posted private information about you (including pictures)	12%
Someone posted private information about you (including pictures)	7%	Received very violent images	11%

Pupils said they have done the following because of something upsetting that happened online (top 5):

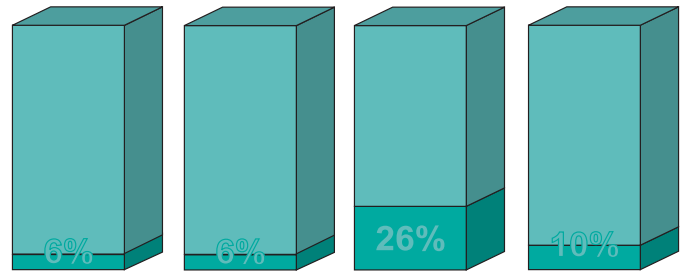
	Boys		Girls
Blocked someone	54%	Blocked someone	67%
Insulted someone back	42%	Insulted someone back	49%
Talked to their parents/carers	15%	Asked a friend to reply for them	35%
Asked a friend to reply for them	16%	Talked to their parents/carers	32%
Talked to an adult at school	6%	Talked to an adult at school	15%

INTERNET SAFETY

23% (22%) of Year 8 pupils and 49% (48%) of Year 10 pupils said they have viewed pornographic images (videos, pictures online/social media or in a magazine/photographs).

29% (24%) of Year 10 pupils said they had viewed the images online - they weren't looking for pornography but it popped up; 15% (14%) said they had viewed a shared image on social media.

16% (12%) of pupils said they had viewed pornographic images online - they were looking for pornography:



Year 8 Boys Year 8 Girls Year 10 Boys Year 10 Girls

Year 10 pupils who said 'yes' to the following questions:

Year 10	Boys	Girls
Has anyone you didn't know asked to see pictures of you?	23%	48%
Has anyone (online or in person) threatened or pressured you to send a picture or video of yourself or show yourself on webcam?	6%	19%
Have you sent sexual pictures of yourself to someone you don't know?	1%	5%
Have you sent sexual pictures of yourself to someone you do know?	3%	9%
Has anyone you don't know in person, asked to meet with you?	17%	26%
Have you ever met up with someone you first met online?	16%	13%
If YES, was this person much older than you?	2%	1%

64% (73%) of pupils said they have been told how to stay safe while online; 44% (43%) of pupils said they always follow the advice they have been given.

INEQUALITIES ≠

Significant differences between potentially vulnerable groups and 'All Year 8 or 10 Pupils' are as follows:

- ↑ Year 8 Young Carers are more likely to have been the victim of violence or aggression in the last 12 months (14% vs 6%).
- ↑ Year 8 Transgender pupils are more likely to have carried weapons for protection (20% vs 4%).
- ↑ Year 8 LGBTQ+ pupils are more likely to have been bullied (55% vs 31%).
- ↑ Year 8 pupils in single parent families are more likely to have been bullied (40% vs 31%).
- ↑ Year 10 pupils entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) are more likely to have been bullied (44% vs. 30%).
- ↑ Year 10 LGBTQ+ pupils are more likely to have experienced domestic violence at home (12% vs. 4%).
- ↑ Year 10 LGBTQ+ pupils are more likely to have experienced controlling partner behaviour (44% vs 19%).
- ↑ Year 10 girls are more likely to have self-harmed when stressed (30% vs 20%).

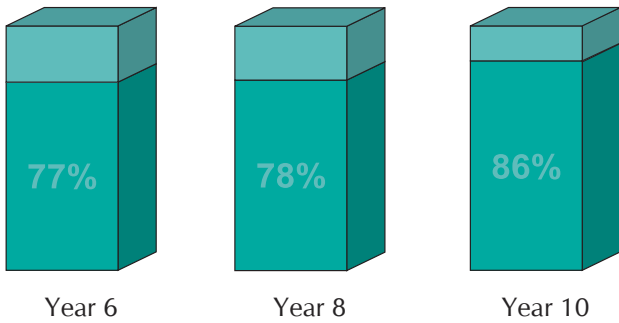
CROSS PHASE DATA

Questions included in both the primary and secondary versions of the questionnaire

- The following is a selection of data relating to the set of questions found in both the primary and secondary versions of the questionnaire. It is always interesting to see how young people change as they grow up but this analysis is also useful because it can raise some important questions for local discussion.

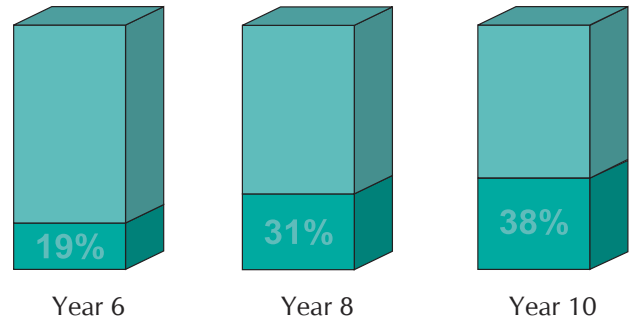
BULLYING

- Older pupils are more likely to 'never' feel afraid of going to school because of bullying:



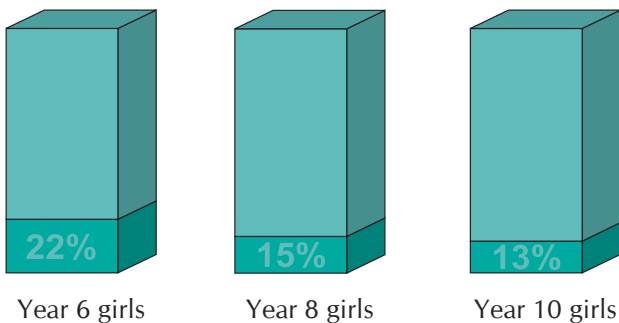
INTERNET SAFETY

- Older pupils are more likely to say they have received a hurtful, unwanted or nasty message or picture when online:

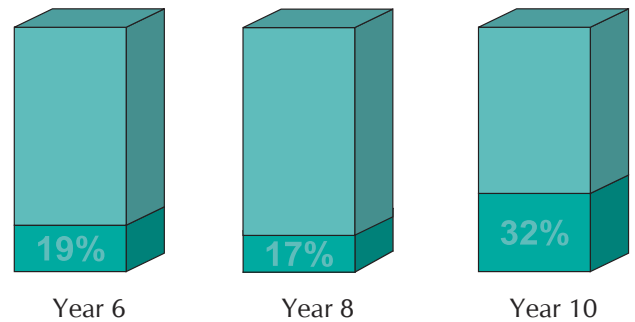


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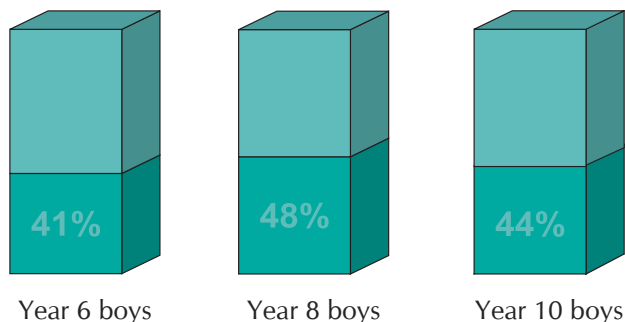
- Older girls are less likely to say they feel 'safe' or 'very safe' when going out after dark:



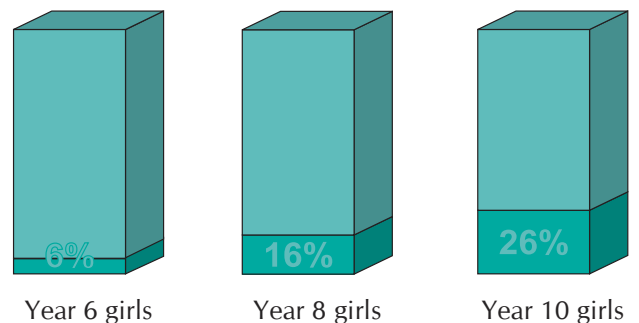
- Older pupils are more likely to say that someone they don't know has asked to see pictures of them:





- However, Year 8 boys are most likely to say they feel 'safe' or 'very safe' when going out after dark:



- Older girls are more likely to say that someone they don't know in person has asked to meet with them:



 In general, higher proportions of boys than girls report feeling 'safe' or 'very safe' in all the situations listed at all ages. Can anything be done to help girls feel safer?

 Online safety continues to be an area of concern; are schools and families being supported sufficiently well with appropriate resources and sign-posting?

- Older boys are more likely to report feeling 'safe' or 'very safe' on public transport: 57% of Year 6 boys, 72% of Year 8 boys and 75% of Year 10 boys said this.

- It is possible to look for connections between the answers pupils gave to different questions in the survey to look for behaviour profiles. The following are just 3 selected questions but any question can be analysed in this way. All differences illustrated below are statistically significant:

The first analysis is for primary pupils who at least sometimes feel afraid of going to school because of bullying compared with those primary pupils who never feel afraid of going to school because of bullying.

- 38% of pupils who feel afraid of going to school because of bullying also said they feel worried or anxious 'often' or 'every day'. This compared with only 12% of pupils who never feel afraid of going to school because of bullying. Therefore, we can say if you feel afraid of going to school because of bullying, you are more likely to feel worried or anxious.
- 52% of pupils who feel afraid of going to school because of bullying also said they have been bullied at or near school in the last 12 months. This compared with only 9% of pupils who never feel afraid of going to school because of bullying.
- This group are also more likely to have got a message or picture that scared them or made them upset.
- They are more likely to feel lonely.
- They are more likely to worry about at least one of the issues listed 'quite a lot' or 'a lot'.
- They are more likely to say there has been shouting and arguing OR violence or controlling behaviour between adults at home.
- They are also less likely to say they know a trusted adult confidant.

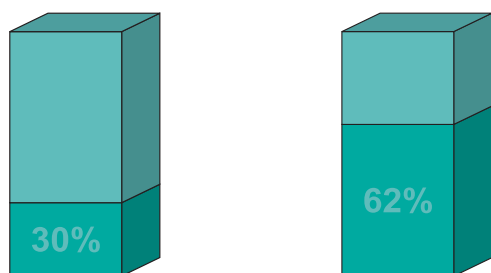


Pupils who are bullied or fear bullying are clearly vulnerable in many ways. What can be done to support their mental health and to tackle this issue?

The third analysis is for Year 8 and 10 pupils who said there has been shouting and arguing between adults at home in the last month that frightened them compared with pupils who said there hadn't been any.

- 30% of pupils who said there has been shouting and arguing at home also said they are happy with their life at the moment. This compared with 62% of pupils who said there hadn't been any.**

Happy with life



Shouting and arguing at home

No shouting and arguing at home

The second analysis is for Year 8 and 10 pupils who said they have been the victim of violence or aggression in the area where they live in the last 12 months compared with those pupils who said they hadn't been.

- 33% of pupils who said they have been the victim of violence or aggression also said they have been offered drugs. This compared with only 13% of pupils who hadn't been a victim of violence or aggression. Therefore, we can say that if you have been the victim of violence or aggression, you are more likely to have been offered drugs.
- 30% of pupils who said they have been the victim of violence or aggression also said they have taken drugs. This compared with 7% of pupils who hadn't been a victim of violence or aggression.
- This group are also more likely to say they have experienced at least one of the negative behaviours listed in a relationship with a boyfriend/girlfriend.
- They are more likely to say they have at least tried smoking or e-cigarettes/vaping.
- They are more likely to have correctly identified that HIV/AIDS can be treated but not cured.
- They are more likely to have at least tried alcohol.
- They are more likely to say there's been violence or controlling behaviour between adults at home.
- They are also more likely to say there's a special sexual health or contraception & advice service for young people available locally.



There are clear safeguarding issues here.

- 26% of pupils who said there has been shouting and arguing at home also said there has been violence or controlling behaviour between adults at home in the last month. This is higher than the 1% of pupils who said there hadn't been any shouting and arguing.
- This group are also more likely to say that they worry about 5 or more issues listed.
- They are also more likely to say they feel lonely at least some of the time.
- They are less likely to know a trusted adult confidant.
- They are more likely to say they have been the victim of violence or aggression in the area where they live in the last 12 months.
- They are more likely to say they feel afraid of going to school because of bullying.
- They are also more likely to say they have been offered drugs listed.

The way forward – over to you.

The Wandsworth Young People's Survey was developed by the Schools Health Education Unit (SHEU) in partnership with the London Borough of Wandsworth Education and Childrens Services and the Public Health Team.

We are grateful to the teachers, schools and the young people for their time and contributions to this survey. The findings will be used to plan services and inform commissioning decisions and further support joint working. In addition the data will be used to inform plans and strategies with schools, the council and partners.

Wandsworth schools who took part in the survey:

Primary schools

Allfarthing Primary School
Bramblehow Primary School
Falconbrook Primary School
Fircroft Primary School
Franciscan Primary School
Furzedown Primary School
Gatton (VA) Primary School
Heathmere Primary School
Mosaic Jewish Primary School
Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School
Penwortham Primary School
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Battersea
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Roehampton
Sellincourt Primary School
Sheringdale Primary School
Smallwood Primary School and Language Unit
St Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School
St Mary's CE Primary School
St Mary's RC VA Primary School
Trinity St Mary's CE Primary School

Secondary Schools

Ark Bolingbroke Academy
Ernest Bevin College
Saint John Bosco College
Southfields Academy

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Glossary:

FSM - Pupils eligible for free school meals

LGBTQ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning +

SEND - Special Educational Need or Disability

Transgender - gender is different to that which they were assigned at birth

Young carers - pupils who care for someone at home on a regular basis who are unable to care for themselves.