What our pupils think

Results from the 2017 Tower Hamlets Pupil Attitude Survey

Over 1800 pupils in the Tower Hamlets shared their thoughts and experiences with us. They were asked about their health, emotional wellbeing, safety, school, aspirations, technology use and the area. This report summarises some of the things they told us.

Health

85% of primary pupils and 76% of secondary pupils had eaten some fruit or vegetables

75% of primary pupils and 85% of secondary pupils had done some physical activity

95% of primary pupils and 88% of secondary pupils have never smoked cigarettes

6% of secondary pupils have tried drugs, mostly solvents and cannabis

Mental Wellbeing

75% of primary pupils and 65% of secondary pupils feel happy about life

77% of primary pupils and 78% of secondary pupils have one or more good friends

78% of primary pupils and 71% of secondary pupils are able to talk to someone when worried

53% of primary pupils often worry about schoolwork and exams. 42% of secondary pupils often worry about what to do after Year 11

Safety

92% of primary pupils and 84% of secondary pupils felt safest mostly at school

30% of primary pupils and 25% of secondary pupils have been bullied in the past year, mostly verbally

62% of primary pupils and 44% of secondary pupils felts their school aptly deals with bullying

73% of secondary pupils know how to report online bullying, only 40% said they would report
### School

- **89%** of primary pupils and **70%** of secondary pupils get useful skills and knowledge from their school.
- **81%** of primary pupils and **82%** of secondary pupils felt their school has lots of activities.
- **46%** of primary pupils and **28%** of secondary pupils get extra help with learning.
- **7%** of primary pupils and **9%** of secondary pupils have played truant.

### Technology

- **32%** of primary pupils and **76%** of secondary pupils own their own mobile phones.
- **80%** of primary pupils and **75%** of secondary pupils felt their parents are aware of their online activity.
- Only **8%** of primary pupils and **4%** of secondary pupils don’t access social networks.
- **30%** of primary pupils and **39%** of secondary pupils use social media to discover occurrences in other countries.

### Local area

- **48%** of secondary pupils felt that Tower Hamlets is a place where young people from different backgrounds get on well.
- **67%** of primary pupils and **45%** of secondary pupils felt the parks and play areas were of good standard.
- **60%** of primary pupils and **81%** of secondary pupils use local public transport.
- **83%** of primary pupils and **79%** of secondary pupils participated in an activity.

### Resilience for the future

- **69%** of primary pupils and **60%** of secondary pupils plan to attend university or higher education.
- **31%** of secondary pupils felt unsure of what to do after Year 11.
- **37%** of secondary pupils felt they had enough help to plan for their future.
- **52%** of secondary pupils found advice on managing money helpful, only **16%** had not received any advice.

For the full results, download the survey report from the Council’s website: https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/community_and_living/borough_statistics/Education.aspx