Tower Hamlets Pupil Attitudes Survey 2022

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# Introduction

* This report looks at key highlights from the results of the Tower Hamlets Pupil Attitudes Survey. The survey is delivered through schools in the borough and there are separate versions for both Primary and Secondary schools.
* The survey focuses on pupils’ views and experiences about learning, health and well-being, staying safe and plans for the future.
* All schools in the borough were invited to take part and pupils from participating schools were asked to complete the survey during a six-week period in Spring 2022.
* Views were captured from 1,516 Primary School pupils (from 21 Primary Schools) and 271 Secondary School pupils (from 4 Secondary Schools - although it should be noted that 79% of the secondary school responses came from one school). Please note: the survey for Primary Schools was for pupils aged 9, 10 and 11 only.
* The survey was developed and first run in 2013 to replace ‘TellUs’ - a national survey which was cancelled in 2010. The survey is normally conducted every two years but due to the impact Covid 19 the last survey and full report of findings (prior to this current survey) was produced in 2017.
* Section One of this report includes comparison to the results in 2017 where possible. Reports covering the results in detail of surveys conducted in 2013, 2015 and 2017 are available on the Tower Hamlets Council website.
* When looking at information about trends (in Section Two) it should be noted that there will be variations in the survey participants in previous years, including sample sizes and the schools which chose to take part.
* Appendix B (available separately to this report) provides the results for all questions in each survey (Primary & Secondary). Where data has allowed, results by key groups is also provided. Please see the notes within the appendix for further details.

# Section One: Key Results 2022

## Your local area

Parks and play areas

62% of all respondents, 65% of primary school (67% in 2017), and 46% of secondary school (44% in 2017) respondents think parks and play areas in their area are good.

Feeling Safe

84% of all respondents, 86% of primary school (80% in 2017), and 73% of secondary school (72% in 2017) respondents report that they feel safe in the area where they live

Using Public Transport

66% of all respondents, 63% of primary school (60% in 2017), and 86% of secondary school (81% in 2017) respondents report that they use public transport

Community

55% of all respondents, 56% of primary school (not available in 2017), and 51% of secondary school (48% in 2017) respondents think Tower Hamlets / local area is a place where young people from different backgrounds get on well together

## Your free time

Owning a mobile phone

52% of all respondents, 45% of primary school (32% in 2017), and 93% of secondary school respondents (76% in 2017), have their own mobile phone

Mobile phone usage

20% of primary school respondents, who have a mobile phone, reported that they use it for 3 hours or more per day (20% in 2017)

64% of secondary school respondents, who have a mobile phone, reported that they use it for 3 hours or more per day (41% in 2017)

Social Media

28% of primary pupils (8% in 2017), and 7% of secondary pupils

(4% in 2017) reported that they don’t use social networking sites

Free time activities

We asked ‘Which of these have you done in your free time in the last 4 weeks?’ (multiple selections allowed)

The top three free time activities were:

Primary - 2022

Local park or playground – 62%

Read a book or newspaper – 39%

Sports activities / creative activities – both 22%

Primary – 2017

Read a book or newspaper – 83%

Local park or playground – 62%

Religious, faith or community group (not services) – 54%

Secondary - 2022

Local park or playground – 56%

Read a book or newspaper – 41%

Religious, faith or community group (not services) – 25%

Secondary – 2017

Read a book or newspaper – 63%

Local park or playground – 58%

Sports activities / religions, faith or community group (not services) – both 39%

## Impact of Covid 19

There were three questions in the survey where pupils could highlight if concerns about the Covid 19 virus were an issue for them\*

Things you often worry about

26% of primary school, and 10% of secondary school respondents reported that ‘concerns about Covid 19’ were one of the things they often worried about

Things that stop you doing activities you would like to do

12% of primary school, and 10% of secondary school respondents reported that ‘concerns about Covid 19’ were one of the things that stopped them doing activities they would like to do

Reasons you don’t use public transport

3% of primary school, and 1% of secondary school respondents reported that ‘concerns about Covid 19’ was one of the reasons why they didn’t use public transport

\*multiple selections were allowed for all of these questions and the addition of Covid 19 as an option was new for 2022.

## School and learning

Schools

Useful skills and knowledge

84% of all respondents, 87% of primary school (89% in 2017), and 69% of secondary school respondents (70% in 2017) reported that their school is giving them ‘useful skills and knowledge’

Lessons fun and interesting

67% of all respondents, 72% of primary school (75% in 2017) and 41% of secondary school respondents (28% in 2017) reported that in their school ‘most of my teachers make my lessons fun and interesting’

Bullying

28% of all respondents, 30% of primary school and 15% of secondary school respondents reported that they had been bullied at school in the last year\*

\* comparison with 2017 not shown due to impact of the pandemic on schools being open during the year.

## Your future

Going to university or higher education

65% of primary school respondents (69% in 2017), reported that they think they will go to university or higher education in the future

58% of secondary school respondents (54% in 2017) reported that they think they will go to university or higher education in the future

We asked ‘If you don’t want to go to university or higher education why not?

Primary

Something else - 51%

Want job / apprenticeship - 24%

Cost - 13%

Not interested - 12%

Secondary

Want job / apprenticeship - 33%

Cost - 24%

Something else - 24%

Not interested - 19%

\* response options vary slightly from 2017

We asked ‘What job would you like to do in the future?’

The most popular response was ‘A professional job (e.g., Engineer, surveyor, doctor, lawyer, manager, teacher, in finance, vet, architect,

scientist, social worker)’ – this was selected by 34% of primary

respondents and 56% of secondary respondents

\*multiple selections were allowed to this question and the options were slightly different in 2017.

## Health & Wellbeing

Healthy eating

24% of all respondents, 27% of primary school (24% in 2017\*), and 7% of secondary school respondents (11% in 2017\*) reported that they eat 5 or more portions of fruit and vegetables on a ‘normal’ day.

\*note: the question in 2017 asked the number eaten ‘yesterday’.

School meals

We asked ‘What do you think of your schools meals?’\*

Primary

My school meal tastes good - 41%

My school meals are healthy – 70%

I have lots of choice – 38%

Secondary

My school meal tastes good - 22%

My school meals are healthy – 31%

I have lots of choice – 25%

Being active

67% of all respondents, 67% of primary school (70% in 2017), and 65% of secondary school respondents (38% in 2017) reported they had done something active after school during the last week.

Feeling happy

65% of all respondents, 69% of primary school (75% in 2017), and 43% of secondary school respondents (65% in 2017) reported that they ‘feel happy about life at the moment’

We asked ‘What do you most worry about?’

The top three choices from response options offered were:

Primary

School work and exams – 56%

My parents and family – 37%

Friendships – 35%

Secondary

Money – 40%

What to do after year 11 – 32%

Being a healthy weight – 31%

\*multiple selections were allowed and response options varied slightly from 2017.

We asked ‘What would make life better?’\*

The top three choices from response options offered were:

Primary

More places where I can go to spend time with my friends – 40%

More interesting school lessons – 33%

More help to plan for my future – 33%

Secondary

More interesting school lessons – 41%

More help to plan for my future – 41%

More places where I can go to spend time with my friends – 36%

\*multiple selections were allowed and results are not comparable to 2017.

# Section Two: Trends over previous surveys

This section provides a series of charts showing trends in results over previous Pupil Attitudes Surveys for some of the key questions. Due to changes over time not all key questions are included in this section and results from all years are not always available.

As noted in the introduction there will be variations in the survey participants including sample sizes and the schools which chose to take part. This should be taken into account when looking at the results for each year.

For further information - reports covering the results of Pupil Attitudes Surveys conducted in 2013, 2015 and 2017 in detail are available on the Tower Hamlets council website.

Parks & play areas – percentage that think parks and play areas are good (trend)

Primary Schools

PAS 2013: 69%

PAS 2015: 70%

PAS 2017: 67%

PAS 2022: 65%

Secondary Schools

PAS 2013: 51%

PAS 2015: 50%

PAS 2017: 44%

PAS 2022: 46%

Feeling Safe - percentage who feel safe in the area where they live (trend)

Primary Schools

PAS 2015: 84%

PAS 2017: 80%

PAS 2022: 86%

Secondary Schools

PAS 2015: 78%

PAS 2017: 72%

PAS 2022: 73%

Using Public Transport - percentage who use public transport (trend)

Primary Schools

PAS 2015: 62%

PAS 2017: 60%

PAS 2022: 63%

Secondary Schools

PAS 2015: 86%

PAS 2017: 81%

PAS 2022: 86%

Owning a mobile phone - percentage who own a mobile phone (trend)

Primary Schools

PAS 2015: 28%

PAS 2017: 32%

PAS 2022: 45%

Secondary Schools

PAS 2015: 80%

PAS 2017: 76%

PAS 2022: 93%

Useful skills and knowledge - percentage that think their school is giving them useful skills and knowledge (trend)

Primary Schools

PAS 2013: 90%

PAS 2015: 91%

PAS 2017: 89%

PAS 2022: 87%

Secondary Schools

PAS 2013: 71%

PAS 2015: 73%

PAS 2017: 70%

PAS 2022: 69%

Lessons fun and interesting - percentage who feel most of their teachers make lessons fun and interesting (trend)

Primary Schools

PAS 2013: 81%

PAS 2015: 83%

PAS 2017: 75%

PAS 2022: 72%

Secondary Schools

PAS 2013: 31%

PAS 2015: 34%

PAS 2017: 28%

PAS 2022: 41%

Feeling happy - percentage who ‘feel happy about life at the moment’ (trend)

Primary Schools

PAS 2013: 81%

PAS 2015: 75%

PAS 2017: 75%

PAS 2022: 69%

Secondary Schools

PAS 2013: 66%

PAS 2015: 58%

PAS 2017: 65%

PAS 2022: 43%

# Appendix A: Profile of respondents (Primary & Secondary)

## Survey Section ‘About You’

Question. How would you describe yourself?

Each line below shows percentage of all respondents

Boy / Man: 45.9%

Girl / Woman: 49.1%

Don't know / Prefer not to say: 3.5%

Other: 1.5%

Total number / percentage: 100%

Question. How would you describe your ethnic group?

Each line below shows percentage of all respondents

White: 10.8%

Mixed: 10.2%

Asian/Asian British (including Bangladeshi): 53.6%

Black/Black British (including Somali): 8.8%

Other ethnic group: 4.8%

Prefer not to say: 11.8%

Total no / percentage: 100%

Question. Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting, or expected to last, 12 months or more?

Each line below shows percentage of all respondents

Yes: 10.2%

No: 78.8%

Prefer not to say: 11.0%

Total no / percentage: 100%

Please note:

* Responses to the questions above were self-selected by the survey respondents.
* Pupils were given the option to ‘self-describe’ when responding to the question ‘how would you describe yourself?’. This information was captured and is included as a percentage in the category ‘other’.
* Further breakdowns for each ethnic group were captured but due to the platform used it is not possible to exactly match numbers across categories as questions were answered separately.