

# What's important to children in 2008?

Over 33,000 children aged 7–11 filled in a survey earlier this year so that people who work with children in Kent could find out how to make things better for you.

## This is what you told us....

### The good news is...

Most of you feel happy and safe, which is brilliant!

Almost all of you know how to be healthy. You know that eating 5 pieces of fruit and vegetables a day is good for you and that it is not healthy to smoke. Most of you keep active by playing sports and playing outside. Keep up the good work.

Nearly all of you enjoy being at school (at least some of the time!). Lots of you like seeing friends, going on school trips, using the computer and making things at school.

Most of you think that you're doing well at school, but some of you aren't sure. Maybe you could ask your teacher how you are doing?

It's good to hear that most of you help other people and tell an adult if you see someone being picked on. A lot of you look after your local area by putting litter in the bin and recycling. Great news!



Nearly all of you think that saving money is important and most of you already know what job you would like to do when you grow up.

It's really good to know that most of you like the area you live in!

**There's bad news too though...**

Half of you have been picked on by other children, sometimes at school and sometimes in your local area.

Some of you don't always feel like you have someone to talk to if there are things on your mind.

Remember, if you are worried about being bullied or anything else, you can call ChildLine on 0800 1111 or talk to an adult you trust.

### **What happens now?**

The people who work with children in Kent are still listening to what you have said. It will help them to carry on making things better where it is needed.

Thank you for filling in the survey. We hope you will help us by doing it again next time!

What children and young people have told us has been used to help us write the Kent Children and Young People's Plan. The plan will be on the Kent County Council website later in 2008 ([www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)).



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