

# Wirral Voice of the Child Survey

Key findings

# Methodology

111 CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WERE SURVEYED TO ESTABLISH WHAT THEIR LIVES WERE LIKE, WHAT THEY LIKED AND WOULD CHANGE ABOUT THEIR LIVES, AND THEIR WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.

CHILDREN WERE SURVEYED ACROSS SEVERAL COHORTS INCLUDING CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER, CHILDREN WITH S.E.N.D AND MINORITY GROUPS.

SURVEYS WERE DISTRIBUTED BOTH ON PAPER & ELECTRONICALLY TO SCHOOLS (EARLY YEARS TO SECONDARY), YOUTH ORGANISATIONS, FAITH GROUPS AND VIA HOUSING GROUPS.

RESPONSES ARE FREE TEXT AND IN THE CHILDREN'S OWN WORDS.

RESPONSES ARE ANONYMOUS AND HAVE NOT BEEN CATEGORIZED BY AGE, GENDER, COHORT ETC

RETURNED RESPONSES WERE COLLATED AND INDEXED BY KEYWORD TO IDENTIFY COMMON THEMES ACROSS ANSWERS.

# Survey Questions



Tell us what a normal Day is like for you?



Imagine you could make your day perfect. What would that look like?



Tell us what you like about your life.



Is there anything you would like to change about your life?



What are your wishes for the future?

# Common Themes identified



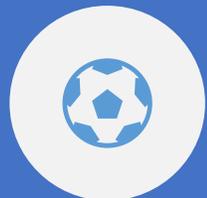
Friends feature heavily, mentioned in answers to all 5 questions, primarily as a positive force in their lives, and in some cases a wish to have more of.



Similarly Family is a common theme, and appears in answers mainly as a positive thing in a young person's life.



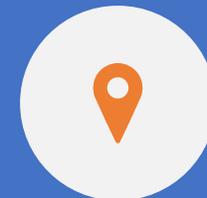
As expected, school is a prevalent theme. Some children identify school as positive area in their lives, other wish to reduce or remove the requirement.



Sports or hobbies are referred to as a positive in many responses. Activities are varied although football, gymnastics & dancing are common.



Screen time, often in the form of video games and streaming TV/films is another popular theme, appearing as a positive thing in respondent's lives.



A young person's surroundings are another topic that appears several times in answers. Quite often discussed in terms of desiring a change in surroundings, either temporarily or permanent.

# What does a normal Day look like?

**58%** Of young people mentioned school or College and/or homework



35% Of respondents said

**Screen Time**

formed part of their normal day



**24%** young people engaged in **SPORTS** as part of their day



The most commonly mentioned sports are **Football, Gymnastics & Running**



**21%** of children and Young People said time spent with

**Friends** formed part of a normal day

16% Of respondents normally attend a

**Youth Club**



Other common daily activities are spending time with **family** and/or **pets**,

Or engaging in a **hobby**



going to the **park**

*Imagine you could make your day perfect. What would that look like?*

34% Of respondents said a perfect day would include an



**Activity, Adventure or a Day Trip**



**Friends** (26%) and **Family** (12%)  
both featured highly in many young people's perfect day



13% Of respondents mentioned their

favourite **food**



**10%** of respondents wished to be on  
holiday or abroad. **8%** stated that the weather was  
important in making a day perfect

**8%** of young people said that 'no  
school' would make a day perfect



**watching TV** or   
playing **video games**  
constituted a perfect day to **8%**  
of respondents

**6%** of young people  
would spend their ideal  
day doing a sport or  
hobby



**5%** of young people  
wanted a  
perfect day to be  
**Worry Free**



**A Lie in** features in **5%**  
of young people's perfect days

*Tell us what you like about your life*

**Friends and Family** once again featured heavily with **71%** mentioning these.

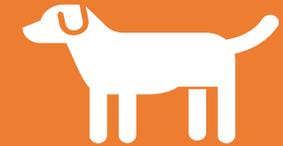


**15%** of children enjoy a **hobby or sport**



8% Of respondents mentioned their

**Pet**



**Home** is mentioned by **6%** of children as being something they like about their life

**4%** of young people said that they liked

**School**



**5%** of respondents enjoy **watching TV** or playing **video games**



A small proportion, **1%**, stated that they did not like anything about their life.



# Is there anything you would change about your life?

**41%** of children surveyed would not change anything about their lives.



**9%** of respondents would **Change their surroundings**



Several children, **9%**, said they would change some aspect of **themselves**



**5%** of those surveyed said they would like **less stress & worry**



Some children wished for more **Social activity** in their lives,



**3%** of children mentioned a need for **More Money** in their lives.

**3%** of young people would like **Less school** in their lives.



**3%** of young people would like to be **bullied less**



# What are your wishes for the future?

**34%** Of young people mentioned a **job** as important in their future



14% Of respondents hoped to continue in to **Further Education**



Many mention **family & Friends** as important to their future



**11%** wished for future **Wellbeing** often in terms of happiness and health.



**9%** of children and Young People said that they wished for enough **Money** in their future



6% Of respondents wished for future **Travel** or to live elsewhere

Involvement in **Sport** was important to 3% of respondent's futures.

