

Sample pre-inspection questionnaires for secondary schools

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Sample

A questionnaire for young people

1. What is your name?

2. Which year group are you in?

- S1
- S2
- S3
- S4
- S5
- S6

3. I attend the support base / unit for some or all of my learning

- Yes
- No

4. I feel safe when I am at school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

5. My school helps me to feel safe

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

6. I have someone in my school I can speak to if I am upset or worried about something

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

7. Staff treat me fairly and with respect

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

8. Other young people treat me fairly and with respect

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

9. My school helps me to understand and respect other people

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

10. My school is helping me to become confident

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

11. My school teaches me how to lead a healthy lifestyle

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

12. There are lots of chances at my school for me to get regular exercise

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

13. My school offers me the opportunity to take part in activities in school beyond the classroom and timetabled day

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

14. I have the opportunity to discuss my achievements out with school with an adult in school that knows me well

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

15. My school listens to my views

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

16. My school takes my views into account

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

17. My homework helps me to understand and improve my work in school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

18. I was given good advice to make choices about taking the subjects that are right for me

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

19. Staff help young people to be responsible for their own behaviour

- All of the time
- Some of the time
- Not very often
- Don't know

20. I feel comfortable approaching staff with questions or suggestions

- All of the time
- Some of the time
- Not very often
- Don't know

21. I am given the opportunity to influence what and how I learn

- All of the time
- Some of the time
- Not very often
- Don't know

22. I enjoy learning at school

- All of the time
- Some of the time
- Not very often
- Don't know

23. I feel that my work in school is hard enough

- All of the time
- Some of the time
- Not very often
- Don't know

24. I know who to ask to get help if I find my work too hard

- All of the time
- Some of the time
- Not very often
- Don't know

25. Staff help me to understand how I am progressing in my school work

- All of the time
- Some of the time
- Not very often
- Don't know

26. The feedback I receive on my work helps me to improve my learning

- All of the time
- Some of the time
- Not very often
- Don't know

27. I am encouraged by staff to do the best I can

- All of the time
- Some of the time
- Not very often
- Don't know

28. I am happy with the quality of teaching in my school

- All of the time
- Some of the time
- Not very often
- Don't know

29. My school deals well with any bullying

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Never experienced

30. I was well supported if I moved to a new school within the last year

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Haven't moved

A questionnaire for parents/carers with children in secondary stages

Your child's experience

1. What is your name?

2. Which year group in the school is your child in?

- S1
- S2
- S3
- S4
- S5
- S6

3. My child attends the support base / unit for some or all of their learning

- Yes
- No

4. My child likes being at this school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

5. Staff treat my child fairly and with respect

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

6. I feel that my child is safe at the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

7. The school helps my child to feel confident

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

8. I feel staff really know my child as an individual

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

9. My child finds their learning activities hard enough

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

10. My child receives the help he/she needs to do well

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

11. My child is encouraged by the school to be healthy and take regular exercise

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

12. The school supports my child's emotional wellbeing

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

13. My child is making good progress at the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

14. My child was well supported to make choices about taking the subjects that are right for them

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Communication and engagement with the school

15. I receive helpful, regular feedback about how my child is learning and developing e.g. informal feedback, reports and learning profiles

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

16. The information I receive about how my child is doing reaches me at the right time

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

17. I understand how my child's progress is assessed

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

18. The school gives me advice on how to support my child's learning at home

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

19. The school organises activities where my child and I can learn together

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

20. The school takes my views into account when making changes

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

21. I feel comfortable approaching the school with questions, suggestions and/or a problem

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

22. I feel encouraged to be involved in the work of the Parent Council and/or parent association

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

23. I am kept informed about the work of the Parent Council and/or parent association

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

About the school

24. I am satisfied with the quality of teaching in the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

25. The school is well led and managed

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

26. The school encourages young people to treat others with respect

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

27. I would recommend the school to other parents

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

28. Overall, I am satisfied with the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

29. My child's school deals well with bullying

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Never experienced

30. My child was well supported if they moved to a new school within the last year

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Hasn't moved

Sample

A questionnaire for teachers

Your experience working at the school

1. What is your name?

2. I find it rewarding to be a member of staff at this school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

3. I feel a valued part of the school's community

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

4. I am encouraged to learn and share practice with colleagues from other schools

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

5. I am given the opportunity to learn and share practice with colleagues from other schools

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

6. I have a clear understanding of the social, cultural and economic context of the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

7. I feel appropriately supported by the school to undertake my role

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

8. I am supported to engage in professional learning

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

9. My professional learning enables me to reflect on and improve my practice

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

10. I have regular opportunities to undertake leadership roles

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

11. I have opportunities to be involved in agreeing priorities for the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

12. I am actively involved in the school's ongoing self-evaluation

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

13. GTCS standards are used to support professional dialogue

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

14. I use information including data effectively to identify and reduce inequalities in children and young people's outcomes

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

School policies and culture

15. I understand how to apply the school's procedures relating to child protection and safeguarding

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

16. The school's vision and values underpins my work

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

17. Staff treat all children and young people fairly and with respect

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

18. Colleagues treat each other with respect

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

19. Children and young people are encouraged and supported to treat others with respect

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

20. Children and young people are well behaved

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

21. The school deals effectively with bullying

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

22. I am provided with feedback when I report an incident

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

23. Staff at all levels within the school communicate effectively with each other

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

24. The school's arrangements for engaging parents in their child's learning are effective

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

25. The school is well led and managed

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

Learning and teaching

26. Collaborative working across the school is effective in taking forward improvement

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

27. Children and young people are engaged in their learning

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

28. I give children and young people regular feedback which helps them to progress

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

29. Children and young people are provided with experiences which meet their learning needs

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

30. Children and young people are involved in talking about and planning their learning

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

31. Children and young people are involved in setting their learning targets

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

32. Children and young people have the opportunity to lead their learning

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

33. I receive appropriate support for planning, preparation and assessment

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

34. The school has effective strategies to support children and young people with their learning, including those requiring additional support

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

35. Staff have a shared understanding of their 'responsibility of all' in literacy and numeracy and health and wellbeing

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

36. Moderation activities are helping me to make sound professional judgements

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

37. I have regular opportunities to help shape the curriculum through discussions with colleagues, parents and partners

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

38. I am aware of and involved in the school's strategies for raising attainment for all

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

Sample

A questionnaire for school support staff

Your experience working at the school

1. What is your name?

2. I find it rewarding to be a member of staff at this school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

3. I feel a valued part of the school's community

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

4. I am encouraged to learn and share practice with colleagues from other schools

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

5. I am given the opportunity to learn and share practice with colleagues from other schools

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

6. I have a clear understanding of the social, cultural and economic context of the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

7. I feel appropriately supported by the school to undertake my role

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

8. I am supported to take part in development opportunities

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

9. My professional learning enables me to reflect on and improve my practice

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

10. I have regular opportunities to undertake leadership roles

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

11. I have opportunities to be involved in agreeing priorities for the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

12. I am actively involved in the school's on-going self-evaluation

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

School policies and culture

13. I understand how to apply the school's procedures relating to child protection and safeguarding

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

14. The school's vision and values underpins my work

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

15. Staff treat all children and young people fairly and with respect

- Strongly agree
- Agree
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- N/A

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- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

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21. Collaborative working across the school is effective in taking forward improvement

- Strongly agree
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- Don't know
- N/A

22. Staff at all levels within the school communicate effectively with each other

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- Don't know
- N/A

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- N/A

A questionnaire for pupil support staff

Your experience working at the school

1. What is your name?

2. I find it rewarding to be a member of staff at this school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

3. I feel a valued part of the school's community

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

4. I am encouraged to learn and share practice with colleagues from other schools

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

5. I am given the opportunity to learn and share practice with colleagues from other schools

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
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6. I have a clear understanding of the social, cultural and economic context of the school

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- Agree
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- N/A

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Learning and teaching

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34. Staff have a shared understanding of their 'responsibility of all' in literacy and numeracy and health and wellbeing

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

35. I have regular opportunities to help shape the curriculum as part of the team

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

36. I am aware of the school's strategies for raising attainment for all

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

A questionnaire for partners with schools

1. Name of Organisation

2. How long have you been working in partnership with the school?

- Under 1 year
- 1 - 2 years
- 3 - 4 years
- 5+ years

3. My service/organisation works in partnership with the school on a regular basis

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

4. We are aware of the school's procedures for reporting child protection and safeguarding concerns

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

5. My service/organisation has a clear understanding of the school's strategies for raising attainment for all

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

6. There are effective arrangements in place for jointly planning provision with the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

7. There are effective arrangements for jointly delivering provision with the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

8. My service/organisation is involved in the school's self-evaluation of our joint work

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

9. Roles and responsibilities are clearly defined within the partnership

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

10. Effective arrangements are in place to evaluate the impact of our partnership working

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

11. My service/organisation is kept up to date with changes in the school which may affect the services we deliver

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

12. The school provides my service/organisation with relevant information about the needs of children and young people

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

13. Arrangements are in place to support my service/organisation to share relevant information about the progress of children and young people with the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

14. The school values the contribution made by my service/organisation

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

15. The school actively promotes my service/organisation to potential users, as appropriate

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

16. There are opportunities to network, share practice and participate in joint training and development with the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

17. My service/organisation has a clear understanding of the social, cultural and economic context of the school

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A

18. Overall, partnership working with the school works well

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- N/A