

## 'How Good is Your Place?'

## Version for Children

The places where we live and play are important because they help us live healthy, happy lives and help us take care of the environment.

When we walk, wheel or cycle around, we are taking exercise which is good for our health. It also means that we are not using cars, which helps to keep the air clean and the streets safe. When we have good outdoor spaces and places to play, it makes us happy and healthy and helps us to spend time with friends and family.

Having places like nurseries, schools, parks and playgrounds and shops close by means that we are able to walk to these places and use them more easily.

The places where we spend our time are important in lots of ways and by completing this survey you can let us know what matters to you in "your place", the place where you live and play.

#### How to complete this survey

Think about what 'your place' is like now and decide what score from 1 to 3 you want to give for each of the main questions. A score of 1 means not good (and needs a lot of improvement). A score of 2 means that its okay (with maybe some improvement needed) and if you think it's great, give it a score of 3.

Then have a go at answering two follow-on questions (although you can skip thesif you don't have the time). You should type your answers into the text boxes under the questions or get someone to help you with this.

NB: There are differeny surveys for older children over the age of 12 and for adults to complete.

#### This survey is estimated to take approximately 17 minutes to complete

Required
What is your age?  *   \[ \begin{align*}
Under 5 years
5 to 12 years
Are you a boy or a girl? * 🖽
○ I'm a boy
l'm a girl
Which town or village in West Lothian do you live in?
Remember that your answers to all of the questions should just be about this place. * $\square$
Enter your answer

#### 4. What are the streets, buildings and spaces like in your place?

Before answering these questions about **<u>streets</u>**, **<u>buildings</u>** and **<u>spaces</u>** you might want to think about the following:

- Do the streets and buildings look and feel nice?
- Is it easy to find your way around and know where you are?
- What things could be changed to make streets and buildings and spaces better?
- What else is important about streets and buildings in your place?

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$\subset$	√ Not good
$\subset$	Okay
$\subset$	<b>8</b> Great!

5. What do you like about the streets, buildings and spaces in your place?

Enter your answer

6. If you had a magic wand and could change anything about the streets and the buildings and the spaces, what would it be?

Enter your answer

7. Thinking about the green natural places within your place, are they easy to get to?

Before answering these questions about <u>nature</u>, <u>parks</u>, <u>trees</u>, <u>animals</u> <u>and</u> <u>plants</u> you might want to think about the following:

- Can you see a lot of green open spaces when you are out and about every day?
- Are there parks where you can play and enjoy trees, nature and open grassy spaces?
- Are these places kept tidy and are they taken care of?
- Where are the best places for seeing birds and other animals?
- What could we do to make more birds and wildlife come to your place?
- Does your place need more trees, more plants and more grassy spaces?

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	○ 🔥 Okay
	Very easy
	Other
8.	What is the best thing about the natural spaces in your place? 🛄
	Enter your answer
9.	If you had a magic wand and could create new natural spaces, what would they be like and where would they be?
	Enter your answer
10.	What spaces are there for you to play and have fun in your place?
	Before answering these questions about <b>places to play</b> you might want to think about the following:
	<ul><li>Where are the places to play in your place?</li><li>Are there enough places to play?</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>What are the worst things about playing in your place?</li> <li>What are the best things about playing in your place?</li> </ul>
	• What else is important about playing in your place:  • What else is important about play and other things you do in your free time in your place?
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	There are a few / they are okay

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	There are lot's of places / they are great!
11.	What things do you like about the places where you can play and have fun? $\Box$
	Enter your answer
12.	If you had a magic wand and could change anything about the places
	where you play and have fun, what would it be? 🗔
	Enter your answer
13.	How easy is it to walk, scoot, wheel or cycle to places you need and want to go?
	Before answering these questions about <u>walking</u> , <u>wheeling</u> and <u>cycling</u> you might want to think about the following:
	<ul> <li>What things would you change to make it easier and safer to walk, wheel, cycle and scoot to school or around your place?</li> <li>Can you walk, wheel, cycle or scoot easily and safely to school or the places you play?</li> <li>Is there a difference in how easy it is to walk, wheel, cycle or scoot around?</li> <li>What would make it a better place for everyone to get to where they want to go?</li> </ul>
	* (4)
	∇ Not very easy

Quite easy

	)	8	Very	easy
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14. What do you	like about about walking, scooting, wheeling or cycling to
these places?	

15. If you had a magic wand and could change anything about walking, scooting, wheeling or cycling, what would it be?

Enter your answer

# 16. How easy is it for you to get a bus (and sometimes a train) to places where you need and want to go to?

Before answering these questions about **buses** and **trains** you might want to think about the following:

- How often do you need to get a bus or a train? Is it everyday or once a week or longer?
- Are there buses/trains at times when you need them or do you always have to wait a long time?
- What changes would make your bus journey easier? Perhaps a bus stop nearer your house?
- Do you feel happy when taking a bus or train ride or are you a bit unsure or even scared?

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	👍 Quite easy

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17.	What are	the	things	you l	like a	about	about	taking	a	bus	or a	train	to	go
	places?													

18. If you had a magic wand is there anything you would change to make it easier getting about on buses or trains?

Enter your answer

19. Does the traffic on the roads where you live make it difficult and not very nice for you to move around and play?

Before answering these questions on **traffic** and **parking** you might want to think about the following:

- Are you able to cross roads safely?
- Have you seen or heard of any accidents happening in your place?
- Are there roads which are dangerous and which you need to be extra careful if crossing?
- Do you think something could be done to make them safer for kids?
- Does the air smell bad because of the traffic and does it make you cough or hurt your eyes?
- Is the traffic noisy? Does it makes it difficult to hear your friends when you are out playing?

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$\bigcirc$	√ It's a real nuisance!
$\bigcirc$	⚠ Not really

	8	It does	n't bo	ther	me
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20.	What things	do you	dislike	about the	e traffic	in your	place?	
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21. If you had a magic wand and could change anything about the traffic in your place, what would it be?

Enter your answer

22. When things are changing in your place have you been asked about what you think, and do the adults listen to what you have to say?

Before answering these questions about <u>having your say and being listened</u> <u>to</u> you might want to think about the following:

- Do adults make decisions without really thinking about the effect they might have on kids?
- Do you feel that adults just don't listen to kids?
- Do you think that adults should try to find out what kids think about changes to their place?
- Have you ever been asked about what you want to happen in your place?
- What would be the best way to ask kids about what they wanted to happen in their place?

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$\bigcirc$	√ I've never been asked
$\bigcirc$	l've been asked sometimes
	8 I get asked a lot

23.	Would	you	like to	o be a	sked	about	changes	that	might	happen	in y	our/
	place?											

24. If you had a magic wand what would you do to make sure kids could get more involved in deciding what happens in their place?

Enter your answer

### 25. Is my place clean and are things well cared for?

Before answering these questions about <u>fixed</u>, <u>clean</u> <u>and looking nice</u> you might want to think about the following:

- Are there buildings which are damaged and need fixing? Do they have broken windows?
- Is there graffiti on walls and on street signs and is this ever removed?
- Have gardens and open spaces become overgrown with weeds and litter?
- Are there abandoned and damged cars dumped in your place?
- Who do you think should clean up this mess?
- Have you helped pick up litter in your place, maybe as a school project?

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$\bigcirc$	√ No, not really
$\bigcirc$	d It's okay
	\delta Yes, it's very clean and tidy

26. Would you feel happier about living in your place if it was tidier and better cared for?

27.	If you had a	magic wand w	what would	you do	so that yo	our place v	was always
	kept clean, t	idy and lookir	ng nice? 🛚	¬ »)			

Enter your answer

### 28. Do you feel safe in your place?

Before answering these questions about **feeling** safe you might want to think about the following:

- What things make you feel safe
- What things make you feel unsafe?
- Do you ever feel scared in your place?
- Do you feel safer if you are with your friends or with an adult?
- Are some places less safe than others; where are they, and do they always feel unsafe or just at certain times?
- Do you think your place has become less safe than it used to be and why might that be?

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$\bigcirc$	<b>₽</b> No
$\bigcirc$	Not really sure
$\bigcirc$	<b>⁴</b> Yes

29. Are there places you would like to go and things you would like to do in your place but don't because you feel it wouldn't be safe for you?

30.	If you had a magic wand	and	could	change	anything	to make	your	place
	safer, what would it be?							

Enter your answer

#### 31. Do you feel proud and a part of your place?

Before answering these questions about **feeling proud and part of your place** you might want to think about the following:

- Do you feel comfortable and 'at home' in your place?
- What are the things that make you feel proud about your place?
- Are there any famous people that have lived in your place that maybe makes you proud?
- Have your family lived in this place for a long time? Do you have grandparents that live here?
- Are there traditions in your place (like gala days) and do join in and celebrate them?

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$\bigcirc$	<b>₽</b> No
$\bigcirc$	👍 Maybe
$\bigcirc$	<b>⁴</b> Yes

32. What's the main thing that makes you feel proud of your place?  $\Box$ 

33.	If you had a	magic wand	is there	anything you	would do	to make your
	place more	popular with	people v	who don't live	e there? 🛚	7 (2)

Enter your answer

# 34. What are the nurseries, schools, libraries, shops and other places like in the place where you live?

Before answering these questions you might want to think about the following:

- Do you like your nursery/school building? Is it nice inside and does it have good places to play?• What things would you change about your nursery/school to make things better for kids?
- Do you have to travel far to visit a doctor or dentist or is there one in your place that you go to?
- Are there places and spaces where you can join clubs and enjoy hobbies?
- Are there shops in your place where you can get hold of most things?
- Can you, or an adult, get most things you need without having to travel too far?

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$\bigcirc$	Not very good
$\bigcirc$	🔥 Okay
$\bigcirc$	\delta Great!

35. What do you like about places like nurseries, schools and the shops where you live?  $\Box$ 

36. If you had a magic wand and could change anything about these places, what would it be?

Enter your answer

### 37. Are there places for people to work and get a good job in your place?

Before answering these questions about **jobs** and **places** to work you might want to think about the following:

- Are there places for people to work in your place or nearby?
- Do they have to travel to another town to work?
- Does your family go to work?
- What kind of work do your family do?
- Do you know if they are happy with their jobs or would they like to do other work?
- Are there places where people can train and learn new jobs in your place?
- If your family are at work who takes care of you?
- When you are older do you think you will and get a job in your place?
- When you are older do you think you will live in your place or will you go to another place?

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$\bigcirc$	<b>₹</b> No
$\bigcirc$	A Not really sur
	⁴ Yes, I think so

38. Do you think it's better for people to work in the same place as where where they live?

39. If you had a magic wand would you use it so you could live and work in the same place? □□□

Enter your answer

40. How well do the homes in your place meet your needs and your family's needs?

Before answering these questions about <u>homes</u>, <u>friends and neighbours</u> you might want to think about the following:

- Do you live near other members of your family and friends or do they live in another town?
- Can you visit family and friends on your own without an adult or do you need to be taken there?
- Is your house big enough for you and your family? Do you have your own bedroom?
- Is your home warm and comfortable?
- Does the place where you live need more houses? Would you like to move to a new house?
- Do the houses in your place look nice? Are there places to play and meet other kids?
- What things could be change to make your place better?

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$\bigcirc$	Not very well
$\bigcirc$	👍 Okay
$\bigcirc$	<b>ℰ</b> Great!

41. What things do you like about the house where you live?  $\square_0$ 

42. If you had a magic wand w	hat would you change about the house you live
in to make it even better?	

Enter your answer

### 43. How nice are the nearby places where you meet with other children?

Before answering these questions about <u>meeting and talking with people</u> you might want to think about the following:

- Do you meet and talk and play with friends a lot and does that make you feel happy?
- Do you meet and play with friends just in school or do you also see them afterwards?
- Where are the places you go to? What are they like and why do you think you like visiting them?
- Are there different places you to go to or do you always end up in the same place?
- Is it easy and safe for you to go to these places on your own?

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$\bigcirc$	<b>▽</b> Not great
$\bigcirc$	👍 Okay
$\bigcirc$	<b>ℰ</b> Great!

44. What things do you like about the places where you play and meet with friends?

45.	If you had a magic wand what we	ould you	change a	bout the	places v	vhere
	you play and meet with friends?					

Enter your answer

46. Finally, thinking about all the questions which you have now answered, please tell us what changes to the place where you live you would most like to see and why.

Enter your answer

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