

A survey on the classroom experience from a student's perspective

**Voting Preferences and
Draft Questions**

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Background Questions

1. Age

2. Gender

Female

Male

Other

3. School Year

1st

2nd

3rd

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5th

6th

TEACHING METHODS

4. Overall, how satisfied are you with the way you are taught in school?

Very satisfied

Satisfied

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Not satisfied

Very dissatisfied

5. If you could change the way one subject is taught in your school, which subject would that be? (Tick one box).

Irish English Other languages

Maths Sciences History

Geography Business Subjects Music

Art Home Economics Construction Subjects

CSPE Religion SPHE/RSE

Other _____

6. Which of the following changes would you like to see? Tick as many boxes as you want to.

Less material in each subject

More up-to-date course material

More continuous assessment

New ways of teaching subjects

New exam paper formats (e.g., combination of short and long questions)

More use of technology in the classroom (e.g. white boards, tablets)

More interactive teaching methods (e.g. discussions, debates, working in small groups)

Other: please state. _____

7. How happy are you are with the following things in your school?

	Very happy	Happy	Neither happy nor unhappy	Unhappy	Very unhappy
The amount of focus on exams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher's ability to use technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for students to use technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher's knowledge of their own subject	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

TEACHER BEHAVIOUR

8. Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My teachers can discipline students in a fair way	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is good communication between teachers and students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers think their own subject is the most important	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In general, my teachers have good attitudes towards students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I get enough feedback from my teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Do you agree or disagree with the following?

Strongly Agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

My teachers often behave badly towards students

My teachers have respect for students

Students have respect for teachers

Other student's poor behaviour in class affects me negatively

My school has fair rules about student's appearance

STUDENT WELLBEING

9. How stressed do you usually feel about school? Tick only one box.

I am not at all stressed

I am a bit stressed but it's okay

I am stressed a lot of the time

I am very stressed at lot of the time

10. Do any of the following make you feel stressed about school? Tick as many boxes as apply.

Too much school work / too many subjects

Too much homework

Exam pressure

Bad relationship with your teachers

Discipline problems in your class / school

Bullying

Other (please state)

11. Which of the following would help you or other students to cope with stress? Tick as many boxes as you like.

More counselling support in-school

More counselling support out of school

Less focus on exams and tests in school

More career guidance counselling in school

More learning supports in school

Better ways of dealing with bullying by your school

Student Voice

12. Do you think students have a strong enough say in what happens in the classroom and in school?

Yes

No

Don't Know

13. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Students should be asked for their views on what happens in school and classroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School would be less stressful if students had more say	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students would work better if they had more say	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students would get on better with their teachers if students more say.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Would any of the following help to improve student's say in the classroom and school?

	Yes, it would help	No, it would not help	Don't Know
Having opportunities to give your views on things that matter to you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Councils to voice the the views of students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More one-to-one feedback with teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having an independent person to deal with complaints from students about school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. SPHE/RSE and student voice?

16. If you have you any ideas on how school could be made better, please tell us.
