



SO, HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?



At Dáil na nÓg 2015, the 200 delegates from Comhairle na nÓg voted on the need for students to have a stronger say on what happens in the classroom in their schools.

The Comhairle na nÓg National Executive wants to discover how young people in Ireland feel about the way they are taught and the way they learn. We developed this survey with the help of researchers.

Young people at every Comhairle na nÓg AGM are being asked to fill out this survey.

The Comhairle na nÓg National Executive will write a report with the results of the survey which will be published in early 2017.

Remember:

- The survey is completely **anonymous**.
- When filling out the survey, please **respect other people's privacy**.
- You don't have to take part.

This survey allows young people to say what they think about the way they are taught and how they learn



Thanks everyone!!



First, please tell us a little bit about yourself:

1. Gender Female Male Other

2. School Year 1st 2nd 3rd 4th/TY 5th 6th

3. Is your School Boys only Girls only Mixed

4. I learn best...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
When I do group work or work in pairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I take part in class discussions or debates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I take part in active learning (e.g. quizzes, learning games, role play, walking debates, peer correction, hot seating)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When the teacher is talking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I watch relevant YouTube or film clips and answer questions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I read text books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I answer exam questions during class	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I use tablets or computers to research topics during class time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other					

5. If you could improve the teaching of subjects in your school, which three subjects would you choose, in order of importance?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

6. Exams and Assessment

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The exam system is fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is too much emphasis on exams in my school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exams are the best way to test my learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is not enough continuous assessment in my school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I wish there was more project work in my school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is not enough emphasis on exams in my school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is a good balance between learning and testing in my classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exams take over my life in school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Teaching and learning

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My teachers encourage me to think for myself	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers encourage and support me to do my best	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers do not give me extra support when I need it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers have high expectations of me	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If I am worried about falling behind, I can talk to my teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers are generally well prepared	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers make learning interesting and fun	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I do not get enough feedback on my school work from my teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is good learning support for students in my school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Communication in the classroom

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My teachers treat all students fairly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The same students get asked questions all the time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some students get more attention than others in the classroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers rarely ask for students opinions in the classroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers are often unfair to students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers have respect for students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teachers and students have good relationships in my school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers allow students to explain themselves without conflict	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers encourage students to give their opinions in the classroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel comfortable asking questions in class	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. IT (computer, tablets, YouTube, film etc) in schools

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My school has very good IT facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My teachers are capable of using IT in the classroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using IT helps me to learn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
IT in the classroom is a waste of time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. How do you feel about the following?

	Makes me very stressed	Makes me quite stressed	Not sure	Does not stress me much	Does not stress me at all
The amount of class work I am given	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The number of subjects I do	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Exams	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Homework	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Disruptive students in my class	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not knowing what I want to do when I finish school	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Not enough help from my teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Pressure to complete difficult tasks	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Speaking in front of others	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Comparing my progress in school with other students	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

11. How satisfied are you with the following in your school?

	Very satisfied	Quite satisfied	Not sure	A bit unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied
Availability of career guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The quality of career guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Availability of counselling/mental health supports	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The quality of counselling/mental health supports	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The amount of learning support	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The quality of learning support	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

12. Do you think students in your school have a say in what happens?

In the classroom Yes No Don't know

In school Yes No Don't know

13. If you have any ideas about how teaching and learning in school could be improved, please tell us
