

Working Together: Giving children and young people a say

Consultation Response Form

The closing date for this consultation is: 21/11/2003
Your comments must reach us by that date.

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scroll bar to navigate the form;
mouse to access hyperlink.

The information you send to us may need to be passed to colleagues within the Department for Education and Skills and/or published in a summary of responses received in response to this consultation. We will assume that you are content for us to do this, and that if you are replying by e-mail, your consent overrides any confidentiality disclaimer that is generated by your organisation's IT system, unless you specifically include a request to the contrary in the main text of your submission to us.

The Department may, in accordance with the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, make available on public request, individual consultation responses. This will extend to your comments unless you inform us that you wish them to remain confidential.

Please insert 'X' if you want us to keep your response confidential

Name

Organisation (if applicable)

Address

If your enquiry is related to the policy content of the consultation you can contact Maxine Bailey:

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Please insert 'X' in **one** of the following boxes that best describes you as a respondent.

LEA

Governor/Governing Body

Primary School

Secondary School

Special School

Pupil Referral Unit

Young person

Voluntary Group

Parent/Carer

Youth Group

Teacher Union

Other (please specify)

Questions 1- 6 refer to specific sections of the document. Questions 7-11 are general questions. Please use our paragraph numbers in your response where appropriate. Please do not feel obliged to answer all the questions. Partial responses will be welcome. Thank you.

Section 1

Question 1

How should we draw a distinction between involving groups of children and young people on broad policies, and decisions about the individual treatment of a young person?

Comments:

Question 2

What limits might there be to involvement and could these be overcome?

Comments:

Section 3

Question 3

Do you agree that these are the right principles that should underpin pupil participation? If not, please give alternatives and your reasons for them.

Agree

Disagree

Not Sure

Comments:

Section 4

Question 4

Do you agree that all children and young people should be engaged in as wide a range of decision making processes as possible? What should be excluded?

Agree

Disagree

Not Sure

Comments:

Question 5

Do you agree that it is ultimately for LEAs and schools to determine when and how to secure pupil participation when making decisions?

Yes

No

Not Sure

Comments:

Section 6

Question 6

Are there other key useful check points? What are they?

Yes

No

Not Sure

Comments:

General Questions

Question 7

What are the kinds of issues your school or LEA actively get children and young people to participate in?

Comments:

Question 8

What have you found works in getting active participation?

Comments:

Question 9

This guidance is for those working with pupils from primary schools, secondary schools, special schools and pupil referral units. Does it contain messages appropriate to all these schools?

Yes

No

Not Sure

Comments:

Question 10

There will be a website to complement the final version of this guidance. What would you like to see on the website?

Comments:

Question 11

If you have any further comments to make, please give them below

Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views. We do not intend to acknowledge individual responses unless you tick the box below.

Please acknowledge this reply

Here at the Department for Education and Skills we carry out our research on many different topics and consultations. As your views are valuable to us, would it be alright if we were to contact you again from time to time either for research or to send through consultation documents?

Yes

No

Code of Practice on written consultation

The following seven standards from the Cabinet Office Code of Practice on written consultation should be reproduced in all consultation documents. This is binding on Departments. Ministers' reasons for any departures should be explained.

All UK national public consultations are required to conform to the following standards:

1. Timing of consultation should be built into the planning process for a policy (including legislation) or service from the start, so that it has the best prospect of improving the proposals concerned, and so that sufficient time is left at each stage.
2. It should be clear who is being consulted, about what questions, in what timescale and for what purpose.
3. A consultation document should be as simple and concise as possible. It should include a summary, in two pages at most, of the main questions it seeks views on. It should make it as easy as possible for readers to respond, make contact or complain.
4. Documents should be made widely available, with the fullest use of electronic means (though not to the exclusion of others), and effectively drawn to the attention of all interested groups and individuals.
5. Sufficient time should be allowed for considered responses from all groups with an interest. Twelve weeks should be the standard minimum period for a consultation.
6. Responses should be carefully and open-mindedly analysed, and the results made widely available, with an account of the views expressed, and the reasons for decisions finally taken.
7. Departments should monitor and evaluate consultations, designating a consultation co-ordinator who will ensure the lessons are disseminated.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation.

Completed questionnaires and other responses, should be sent to the address shown below by

Send by post to: **Consultation Unit, Department for Education and Skills, Level 1b, Castle View House, Runcorn, WA7 2GJ.**

Responses and comments can be sent via e-mail to: participation.consultation@dfes.gsi.gov.uk