

Student Questionnaire

An exploration of bullying in a day and boarding school using a Participatory Action Research Framework

1. Introduction

Welcome to our questionnaire

Our names are Audrey Doyle and Niamh O’Brien. We are researchers from DCU, Dublin and Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford in England. We have both worked with young people before and we are particularly concerned about bullying. We think it is very important to hear from you what your concerns are about bullying in the school and how you might think these could be addressed. Together we may be able to find a solution!

Some of the questions we will be asking in the following questionnaire is how you define bullying and what are your views about how the school deals with bullying. We are particularly interested in your story and your experience of whether bullying is an issue for you in the school. This questionnaire is **TOTALLY ANONYMOUS** and you do not need to give us your name or contact details.

Please read the following statements and tick off Yes or No.

		Yes	No
1.	I have read the information sheet and the research has been explained to me 		
2.	I understand the information provided 		
3.	I have had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss this research 		
4.	I have received satisfactory answers to all my questions 		
5.	I am aware that this questionnaire is anonymous 		
6.	I understand that my participation is totally voluntary 		
7.	I understand that I am free to withdraw from the study at any time 		
8.	I consent to you using the data from this questionnaire for writing in journals, books and conferences. 		
9.	I would be happy to talk to another person if I have any big concerns 		

Please note: Your completion of this questionnaire confirms that you understand the purpose of the research study and that you freely assent to participate in it.

Are you still interested? Click the next button to get started.....

2. Some information about you

a. Are you a:

Boy

Girl

Other

b. How old are you?

c. What year are you in?

d. How would you describe your ethnic origins?

Asian

Chinese

Black

Mixed

White Irish

White other

Not known

Prefer to not say

Other ethnic group (please tell us)

e. Are you a:

Full boarder

5-day boarder

Day student

3. Defining Bullying

We are going to give you a definition to explain what bullying means.

Please read it carefully.

Bullying is when a student is repeatedly, and over a period of time, targeted by one or more students. Bullies intend to frighten, hurt or threaten their victims. Bullying can take many forms, such as:

- Teasing or name calling
- Racial, religious or sexual harassment
- Isolating a student from a friendship group
- Highlighting a disability
- Damaging or stealing property

- Hitting, punching or other physical abuse

Bullies can use a range of methods and these include face-to-face, mobile phones, email, instant messaging or Internet message boards.

a. Do you agree with the definition of bullying offered above?

Yes

No

b. If you ticked no, please use the textbox below to tell us your definition of bullying or to add ANY changes you would like to make to the definition

4. Your experience of how the school deals with bullying incidents

a. In school, have you ever (please tick all that apply)

Been bullied

Bullied others

Witnessed bullying

None of the above

b. If you have been bullied, bullied others or witnessed bullying, where in the school did this event take place?

5. Bullying Experiences

a. Did you report the bullying?

Yes

No

6. Reporting bullying 1

a. Who did you report the bullying to (please tick all that apply)

- Principal
- Deputy Principal
- House Mistress/Master
- Teacher
- Another student
- Student council member
- School nurse
- School Counsellor
- Member of your family

Someone else

b. Were you happy with the outcome?

- Yes
- No

c. If yes, what made you happy?

d. If 'no' what made you unhappy?

7. Reporting bullying 2

a. Why did you not report the bullying?

8. Are you happy with the way bullying is handled in school?

a. Overall, are you happy with the way the school deals with bullying?

Yes

No

b. If you answered yes, what in relation to bullying does the school do that makes you happy?

c. If you answered no, what do you think could be improved?

9. In my school, I feel my opinion is sought when decisions are being made about my education.

Yes

No

If you answered 'no' how do you think this might be improved?

10. Final Question

a. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about bullying at the school?

Thank you

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Your views and opinions will play a very important role in our research. We will share our findings with you before the summer holidays.