



The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children

# IN CONFIDENCE

Wave 4  
2010

Teacher

Teacher's name:

Study child's name:

You are being asked to take part in *Growing Up in Australia*, the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children. The study is being conducted in partnership between the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Australian Institute of Family Studies and the Australian Bureau of Statistics, with advice provided by a consortium of leading researchers.

All information collected will be kept strictly confidential. Participation in this study is voluntary.

## Instructions

- Please complete this form with regard to yourself and the child named above
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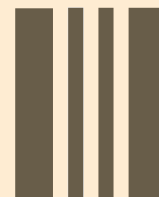
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- Where appropriate, you can record '0' in the response box. However, do not use 'nil', 'n/a' or '-'
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## Child and family

**1** In what year/grade is the study child enrolled?

- 1 Year 4 / Grade 4
- 2 Year 3 / Grade 3
- 3 Year 2 / Grade 2
- 4 Year 1 / Grade 1
- 5 Pre-year 1
- 6 Not assigned to a grade (e.g. special education program or ungraded program)

**2** Is the study child currently repeating this year/grade?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No  Go to Question 4


**3** What is the main reason the study child is repeating this year/grade?

- 1 Health reasons
- 2 Academic learning difficulties
- 3 Social or behavioural difficulties
- 4 Disability
- 5 Changed schools (e.g. family residential move from another state or country)
- 6 Other

**4** How long has this child been in your class?

Months

**5** Does this child have frequent absences from school?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No  Go to Question 7

**6** What is the most frequent reason for this child being absent that you know of?

- 1 Illness of child
- 2 Illness of family member
- 3 Parental work conflict
- 4 Lack of transportation
- 5 Child did not want to attend
- 6 Family events (e.g. holidays)
- 7 Other

**7** In your opinion, how involved are this child's parent(s) in his/her learning and education?

- 1 Very involved
- 2 Somewhat involved
- 3 Not involved
- 4 I do not know the parent(s) of this child well enough to make a judgement

**8** During the time this child has been in your class, how often has a parent of this child had an informal discussion with you about him/her?

- 1 Every day
- 2 A few times a week
- 3 A few times a month
- 4 Never
- 5 Opportunities not available

**9** To the best of your knowledge, during this school year has a parent of this child done any of the following? (Tick all that apply)

- 1 Visited the child's class
- 2 Talked to parents of other children
- 3 Attended a school event in which the child participated (e.g. sporting event, music performance, concert)
- 4 Volunteered in child's class or helped with a class excursion
- 5 Attended a meeting of a parent-school committee

**10** How many individual parent-teacher meetings have you offered for this child so far this year?

**11** How many of these did a parent of this child attend?

**12** Does this child receive any specialised services provided within the school because of a diagnosed disability or additional need?

1 Yes

2 No  Go to Question **15**

**13** What is the main reason that this child requires additional assistance or specialised services to enable them to succeed in the regular school program?  
(If the child has more than one special need, tick the option for the major need for which the child receives additional help)

1 Intellectual disability

2 Hearing impairment

3 Vision impairment

4 Physical disability

5 Speech or language impairment

6 Learning disability/learning problems in reading

7 Learning disability/learning problems in mathematics

8 Emotional or behavioural problems

9 Poor understanding of Standard Australian English or ESL

10 Autism Spectrum Disorder

11 Giftedness

**14** What specialised services does this child receive? (Tick all that apply)

1 Speech therapy

2 Psychological assessment

3 Learning support

4 Behavioural management programs

5 Other (please specify)

**15** Does this child currently have an Individualised Education Plan (IEP)?

1 Yes

2 No

**16** During organised physical activities for your class, how does this child compare with other children in the class in terms of level of physical activity?

1 A lot less active than most

2 A little less active than most

3 About the same as most

4 A little more active than most

5 A lot more active than most

6 I have not observed this child in such activities

**17** During play with friends at recess or lunch time, how does this child compare with other children in the class in terms of level of physical activity?

1 A lot less active than most

2 A little less active than most

3 About the same as most

4 A little more active than most

5 A lot more active than most

6 I have not observed this child in such activities

## Child skills and competencies

The following sets of questions on **English Language and Literacy** and **Mathematical Understanding** ask you to rate this child's skills, knowledge and behaviours as evidenced in the child's current achievement and motivation, compared to other children of the same age level. This is **not** a test and should not be administered directly to this child. A five-point scale is used to reflect the degree to which the child has acquired the competencies:

- Not yet – This child has **not yet demonstrated** skill, knowledge or behaviour.
- Beginning – This child is **just beginning** to demonstrate skill, knowledge or behaviour.
- In progress – This child demonstrates skill, knowledge or behaviour with **some regularity**.
- Intermediate – This child demonstrates skill, knowledge or behaviour with **average competence**.
- Proficient – This child demonstrates skill, knowledge or behaviour **competently and consistently**.
- Not Applicable – Not applicable (*skill, knowledge or behaviour has not been introduced in the classroom setting*).

### 18 Are you this child's main teacher for english language and literacy?

- 1 Yes     2 No

### 19 The study child...

	Not yet	Beginning	In progress	Intermediate	Proficient	Not applicable
(a) <b>Contributes relevant information to classroom discussions</b> (e.g. during a classroom discussion, can express an idea or personal opinion on a topic and the reasons behind the opinion)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
(b) <b>Understands and interprets a story or other text read to him/her</b> (e.g. by writing a sequel to a story, or dramatising part of a story, or posing a question about why a particular event occurred as it did)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
(c) <b>Reads words with regular vowel sounds</b> (e.g. reads 'coat', 'junk', 'lent', 'chimp', 'halt' or 'bike')	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
(d) <b>Reads words with irregular vowel sounds</b> (e.g. reads 'through', 'point', 'enough' or 'shower')	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
(e) <b>Reads age appropriate books independently with comprehension</b> (e.g. reads most words correctly, answers questions about what was read, makes predictions while reading and retells the story after reading)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
(f) <b>Reads age appropriate books fluently</b> (e.g. easily reads words in meaningful phrases rather than reading word by word)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
(g) <b>Able to write sentences with more than one clause</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
(h) <b>Composes a story with a clear beginning, middle and end</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
(i) <b>Demonstrates an understanding of some of the conventions of print</b> (e.g. appropriately using question marks, exclamation points and quotation marks)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
(j) <b>Uses the computer for a variety of purposes</b> (e.g. by writing a page for a class book, or looking up information on a topic of interest, or solving maths problems, or recording a scientific observation)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

## Mathematical thinking

### 20 Are you this child's main teacher for mathematics?

1 Yes  2 No

### 21 The study child...

Not yet	Beginning	In progress	Intermediate	Proficient	Not applicable
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- |  |                            |                            |                            |                            |                            |                            |
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| (a) Can continue a pattern using three items   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |
| (b) Demonstrates an understanding of place value (e.g. by explaining that fourteen is ten plus four, or using two stacks of ten and five single cubes to represent the number 25)  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |
| (c) Models, reads, writes and compares whole numbers (e.g. recognising that 30 is the same quantity if it is 30 rabbits or 30 tallies or 15 + 15 red dots, or describing that the number 25 is smaller than 41)  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |
| (d) Counts change with two different types of coins (e.g. one dollar and two twenty-cent pieces or a fifty-cent piece and three ten-cent pieces)   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |
| (e) Surveys, collects and organises data into simple graphs (e.g. making tally marks to represent the number of boys and girls in the classroom, or making a bar, line, or circle graph to show the different kinds of fruit children bring to school for lunch and the quantity of each type) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |
| (f) Makes reasonable estimates of quantities (e.g. looking at a group of objects and deciding if it is more than 10, about 50, or less than 100)   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |
| (g) Measures to the nearest whole number using common instruments (e.g. rulers, or tape measures, or thermometers, or scales)  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |
| (h) Uses a variety of strategies to solve maths problems (e.g. using manipulative materials, using trial and error, making an organised list or table, drawing a diagram, looking for a pattern, acting out a problem, or talking with others)   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

### 22 Overall, how would you rate this child's academic skills, compared to other children of the same grade level?

Far below average	Below average	Average	Above average	Far above average
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| (a) English language and literacy skills | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| (b) Mathematical skills                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| (c) Overall academic achievement         | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |

## Child's personality and behaviour

**23** Please tick one box for each of the following statements to best describe the study child's behaviour over the past six months:

	Not true	Somewhat true	Certainly true
(a) Considerate of other people's feelings	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(b) Restless, overactive, cannot stay still for long	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(c) Often complains of headaches, stomach aches or sickness	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(d) Shares readily with other children ( <i>treats, toys, pencils, etc.</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(e) Often loses temper	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(f) Rather solitary, tends to play alone	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(g) Generally well behaved, usually does what adults request	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(h) Many worries, often seems worried	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(i) Helpful if someone is hurt, upset or feeling ill	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(j) Constantly fidgeting or squirming	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(k) Has at least one good friend	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(l) Often fights with other children or bullies them	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(m) Often unhappy, depressed or tearful	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(n) Generally liked by other children	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(o) Easily distracted, concentration wanders	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(p) Nervous or clingy in new situations, easily loses confidence	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(q) Kind to younger children	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(r) Often lies or cheats	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(s) Picked on or bullied by other children	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(t) Often volunteers to help others ( <i>parents, teachers, other children</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(u) Thinks things out before acting	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(v) Steals from home, school or elsewhere	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(w) Gets on better with adults than with other children	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(x) Many fears, easily scared	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
(y) Good attention span, sees chores or homework through to the end	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

**24 For each of the following statements, please indicate the nature of your relationship with this child:**

	Definitely does not apply	Not really	Neutral/ not sure	Applies somewhat	Definitely applies
(a) I share an affectionate, warm relationship with this child	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(b) This child and I always seem to be struggling with each other ( <i>i.e. having a hard time getting along</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(c) If upset, this child will seek comfort from me	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(d) This child is uncomfortable with physical affection or touch from me	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(e) This child values his/her relationship with me	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(f) When I praise this child, he/she beams with pride	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(g) This child spontaneously shares information about himself/herself	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(h) This child easily becomes angry with me	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(i) It is easy to be in tune with what this child is feeling	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(j) This child remains angry or is resistant after being disciplined	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(k) Dealing with this child drains my energy	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(l) When this child is in a bad mood, I know we're in for a long and difficult day	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(m) This child's feelings towards me can be unpredictable or can change suddenly	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(n) This child is manipulative with me	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(o) This child openly shares his/her feelings and experiences with me	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

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**25 How often did this child demonstrate the following behaviour in the past month or two?**

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Very often	No opportunity
(a) Keeps belongings organised	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(b) Shows eagerness to learn new things	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(c) Works independently	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(d) Easily adapts to changes in routine	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(e) Persists in completing tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(f) Pays attention well	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

## Your background

### 26 Are you...

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

### 27 Do you currently work...

- 1 Full-time
- 2 Part-time

### 28 What is the highest educational qualification you have completed?

- 1 Doctoral degree
- 2 Masters degree
- 3 Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate
- 4 Bachelor Degree (*including Honours*)
- 5 Diploma or Associate Diploma
- 6 Certificate
- 7 Other

### 29 What is the major field of study in your teaching qualification? (If you have more than one area of specialisation, please indicate the most recent)

- 1 Early childhood education
- 2 Primary education
- 3 Secondary education
- 4 Special education
- 5 Other

### 30 How many years teaching experience do you have...

years      months

- (a) Altogether as a teacher
- (b) As a teacher at this grade level
- (c) As a teacher in this school

### 31 Have you already filled out a form in 2009 for another child (or children) who are also part of this study?

- 1 Yes      ▶ Go to Question **36**
- 2 No        ▶ Go to Question **32**

## School characteristics

### 32 Is this school...

- 1 Co-educational
- 2 Single sex

### 33 Is this school...

- 1 Government/public
- 2 Catholic
- 3 Independent/private

### 34 How many children currently attend this school?

### 35 Which of the following categories best describes the structure of your school?

- 1 Primary with a pre-school program attached (*pre-school refers to any program children attend prior to entering pre-Year 1*)
- 2 Primary only
- 3 Primary and secondary (*including schools with a middle school program*)
- 4 Pre-school, primary and secondary
- 5 Ungraded school program
- 6 Special school



## Child's class characteristics

**36** Which category best describes your class organisation?

- 1 Single grade/year level
- 2 Multi-age/multi-grade (*single teacher*)
- 3 Multi-age/multi-grade (*team teaching*)
- 4 Ungraded (*special education class*)
- 5 Ungraded (*alternative school program*)

**37** How many teachers are responsible for this class? (*Number of regular teachers who have this class for a substantial time each week through job-sharing or team teaching*)

**38** How many children are present in your class for the main educational program?

**39** On average, what is the general age range in the class?

From  years  months

To  years  months

**40** How many children in the class...

- (a) Are from a non-English speaking family background
- (b) Are from a Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background
- (c) Have a diagnosed disability (*e.g. intellectual, sensory, physical, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, developmental delay*)

**41** In a typical week, how many total hours do paid aides spend in your classroom? (*e.g. regular aides, ESL and special education aides*)

**42** Which of the following specialist staff does this class have access to? (*Tick all that apply*)

- 1 Teacher librarian
- 2 Music specialist
- 3 Physical education teacher
- 4 Specialised computing support teacher
- 5 LOTE (*Language other than English*) teacher
- 6 Specialist learning support teacher
- 7 ESL (*English as a second language*) teacher

**43** How many computers are there in your classroom for children to use?

**44** How many computers that children can use have access to the internet?

**45** Apart from existing computers in your classroom, does your school lend or supply computers (either laptops or desktops) to use at home and school?

- 1 Yes  2 No

**46** How much time per week, in total, do children in your class spend participating in physical education?

Hours  Minutes

## Teaching practices and programs

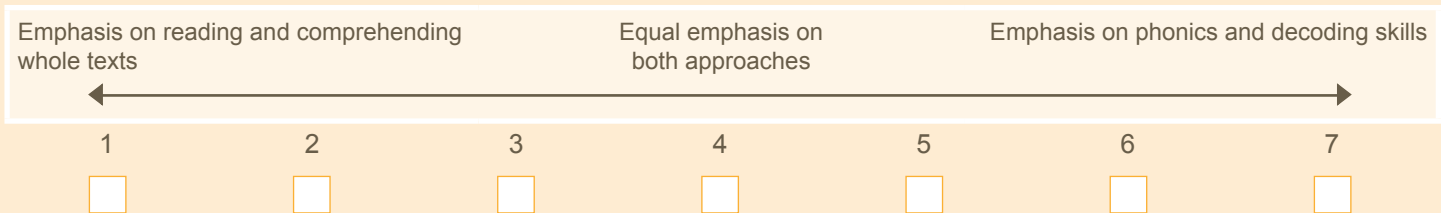
**47** In your class, which of the following practices have you used (or will you use) this year to involve parents (Tick all that apply)

- 1 Parent orientation activities early in the year (e.g. meeting with the parents, written information sent to family)
- 2 Parent participation in your program (e.g. as a volunteer or on a roster)
- 3 Formal parent-teacher meetings about children's progress
- 4 Parent education programs or information sessions
- 5 Social activities for parents that promote contact or support
- 6 Regular newsletter about your program and events
- 7 Other

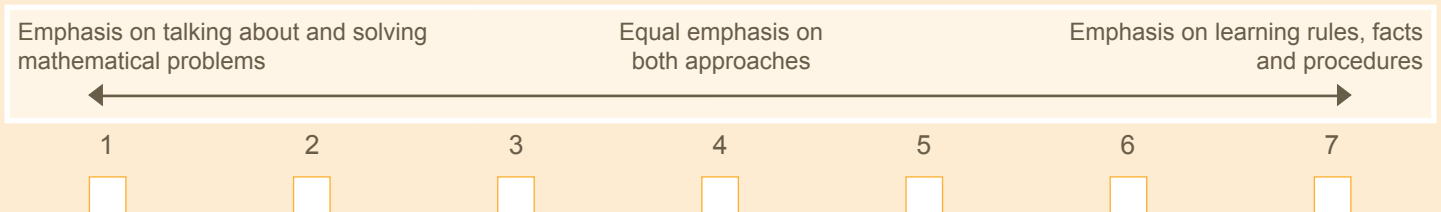
**48** On a typical day in the study child's class, how often is time spent on the following sorts of activities?

	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very often
(a) Teacher-directed whole group activities (e.g. language, literacy or numeracy activities, story time or news time)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
(b) Teacher-supported small group activities (e.g. literacy or numeracy activities, science, cooking or art activities)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
(c) Teacher-supported individual activities (e.g. reading, doing puzzles, writing or completing worksheets)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
(d) Child-initiated activities (e.g. free-choice of activities, free play in outdoor activities, pretend play)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**49** What is the main emphasis in your approach to teaching reading?



**50** What is the main emphasis in your approach to teaching mathematics?



**51** How often do you organise your class in achievement level groupings for...

	Never	Less than once a week	Once or twice a week	Three or more times a week	Daily
(a) Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(b) Maths	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**52 How often do...**

No computer facilities available	Once a month or less	Two or three times a month	Once or twice a week	Three or four times a week	Daily
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- (a) You take children to the computer lab, if the school has computer lab(s)? <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub> <sub>6</sub>
- (b) Children in your class have access to computers at school (*either in the classroom or lab*)? <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub> <sub>6</sub>

**53 How often do children in your class use computers for the following purposes?**

No computer facilities available	Once a month or less	Two or three times a month	Once or twice a week	Three or four times a week	Daily
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- (a) To develop specific skills in academic areas (*e.g. literacy, mathematics or science activities*) <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub> <sub>6</sub>
- (b) To learn keyboarding skills <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub> <sub>6</sub>
- (c) For creative activities (*e.g. design in visual arts, composing music, animation*) <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub> <sub>6</sub>
- (d) For enjoyment (*e.g. games*) <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub> <sub>6</sub>
- (e) To access information (*e.g. using the internet to look for information*) <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub> <sub>6</sub>

**54 Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
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- (a) I have a strong effect on the academic achievement of the students I teach <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub>
- (b) I feel competent in dealing with students' behavioural problems <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub>
- (c) I feel competent in dealing with students' learning problems <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub>
- (d) I have high expectations for the academic success of my students <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub>

**55 Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding your school's disciplinary policies:**

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
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- (a) Teachers in this school have reached a consensus about how to discipline children who break rules <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub>
- (b) All children who break rules in this school face the same consequences <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub>
- (c) Teachers in this school rarely overlook physical aggression among children <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub>
- (d) Teachers in this school rarely overlook verbal aggression among children <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub>
- (e) Teachers feel there is insufficient support within the school for managing disciplinary problems <sub>1</sub> <sub>2</sub> <sub>3</sub> <sub>4</sub> <sub>5</sub>

**56 Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with these statements as they apply to your school:**

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
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(a) Staff can rely on colleagues for support and assistance when needed	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(b) Staff have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(c) Staff are able to contribute to decision-making about policies and practices in the school	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(d) Staff go about their work with enthusiasm	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(e) My personal philosophy and goals are in agreement with those of the school	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
(f) The school environment provides a positive working environment for staff	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

**57 Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements as they apply to your school**

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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(a) Most students are helpful and cooperative	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
(b) There are many disruptive students in the school	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
(c) Students get along well with teachers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
(d) Very strong discipline is needed to control many of the students	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
(e) Most students are pleasant and friendly to teachers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**Contact details**

**58 Who completed this form?**

1 Child's main teacher    2 Principal    3 Other teacher    4 Other (please specify)

Name: (please print)

Work phone:

Mobile:

Signature:

Date:  /  /

**Thank you for taking the time to fill in this form.  
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