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Preparing for Life Junior Infant Survey 2015–2016



Parent Questionnaire

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Dear Parent,

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the *PFL* Junior Infant Survey. This questionnaire will ask about several aspects of your life such as your family, your thoughts on parenting, as well as some questions about your junior infant child.

Please remember that all of your answers will be kept private (confidential). Please do not write your name or your child's name on this questionnaire. This will help ensure the confidentiality of your answers.

The average amount of time to complete this interview is about 30 minutes, but some people take longer and some people complete the questionnaire in a shorter amount of time. During the questionnaire you can move at a comfortable pace and take breaks if you need them. You can choose not to answer any particular question in the questionnaire if you wish.

You can complete this questionnaire on your own or if you prefer, you can call a UCD researcher on (01) 7164626 to help you complete it.

Once you have completed the questionnaire please place it in the envelope provided, <u>SEAL</u> the envelope and return the envelope along with your signed information and consent form to your child's junior infants teacher by **Friday**, **23rd October**, **2015**.

Thank you very much for your time and help with the survey.

Regards,

UCD Research Team





Section 1: You and Your Family

Today's Date:	1
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The first part of the questionnaire will ask you about some important areas of your life, like your family, where you live, and your schooling. For each question in this section, please fill in the information or tick the box that best answers each question.

Ճ 1.1	First Initial (first le	v
Q1.2	What is your relationship t	o the child in junior infants?
	 □ Biological Mother □ Adoptive Mother □ Step-mother □ Foster Mother □ Grandmother 	 □ Biological Father □ Adoptive Father □ Step-father □ Foster Father □ Grandfather □ Other (please specify
Q1.3	How old are you? years old	
Q1.4	What is your junior infant of	child's birthdate? (e.g. 01/01/2010) th / year year year year year

Q1.5	What gender is your junior infant child?		
	□ Male	□ Female	
Q1.6	What is your current rela	tionship status?	
	□ Single□ Married□ Co-habiting/Living with□ Boyfriend/partner not I	•	□ Divorced□ Legally separated□ Widowed□ I choose not to answer

Q1.7 How many people currently live in your home (including you and your junior infant child)? $_$

Q1.7a For each person in your home, could you please write their relationship (e.g. brother/grandparent) to your junior infant child as well as their age and gender?

Person Number	Relationship to Junior Infant child	Gender (F/M)	Age (in years)
1	Уои		
2	Junior Infant		
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

Q1.8	How many biological children do you have?
	biological children
	Is your family currently taking part in the <i>Preparing for Life (PFL)</i> amme (other than by completing this questionnaire)?
	□ Yes
	□ No
	☐ I don't know
	\square I choose not to answer
Q1.9a	If yes, which group are you in?
	□ Green
	□ Blue
	□ I don't know
Q1.10	Which best describes the household in which your junior infant child is currently living?
	☐ Traditional family (both biological or adoptive parents present)
	□ Step-family (two parents, one being a step-parent)
	□ Single parent family
	□ Other (please specify)
	□ I don't know □ I choose not to answer
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Q1.11	Which of the following groups do you co	onsider yourself as belonging to?
	□ Irish □ Irish Traveller □ British □ Roma □ Any other White background □ African	 □ Any other Black background □ Chinese □ Any other Asian background □ Other (please specify
	ext questions are about your educatio uestion.	n. Please tick the box that best answers
Q1.12	best describes your highest level of edi	ion completed? Please tick the option that ucation completed.
	□ Primary Education	T : C :)
	□ Lower Secondary (left before	Junior Cert.)
	☐ Junior/Group/Inter Cert.☐ Upper Secondary (left before	Laguina Cant)
	☐ Applied Leaving Cert.	Leaving Cerr.)
	☐ Leaving Cert./A Levels	
		oma, Technical or Vocational Qualification)
		elor Degree/Professional Qualification/Degree)
	□ Postgraduate Qualification	, , ,
	□ Other (please specify)
	□ I don't know	
	□ I choose not to answer	

Q1.13	Are you still in full time education?
	□ Yes
	□ No
	□ I don't know
	\square I choose not to answer
Q1.14	If not, at what age did you leave full time education?
	years old
	□ I don't know
	\square I choose not to answer
	$\hfill\Box$ This doesn't apply to me because I am still in full time education
Q1.15	What is your partner's highest level of education (if applicable)?
	☐ This does not apply to me because I am not currently in a relationship
	□ Primary Education
	□ Lower Secondary (left before Junior Cert.)
	□ Junior/Group/Inter Cert.
	□ Upper Secondary (left before Leaving Cert.)
	☐ Applied Leaving Cert.
	□ Leaving Cert./A Levels
	□ Non-degree Qualification (Diploma, Technical or Vocational Qualification)
	□ Primary Degree (3rd Level Bachelor Degree/Professional Qualification/ Degree)
	□ Postgraduate Qualification
	□ Other (please specify)
	□ I don't know
	□ I choose not to answer

THAT'S THE END OF SECTION 1!

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THOSE QUESTIONS.



PLEASE MOVE RIGHT ALONG TO SECTION 2 WHICH IS ABOUT YOUR JUNIOR INFANT CHILD.





Section 2: Your Junior Infant Child

Children grow, learn, and develop at different ages. The questions in this section describe a wide range of children of different ages. In the next couple of pages there will be some things that your child can do and there might be some things that your child isn't able to do. All children are different and just like the rest of the questionnaire, there are no right or wrong answers. Please answer each question as best as you can.

Please read each question and tick the box that best answers the question in relation to your junior infant child. Please read each section carefully as the responses change throughout the next few pages.



BELOW SURVEY QUESTIONS REDACTED DUE TO COPYRIGHT MATERIAL FROM THE FOLLOWING SCALE: Early

Development Instrument Short version (S-EDI; Janus, Duku & Stat, 2005)

S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 1
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S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 3
S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 4
S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 5
S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 6
S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 7
S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 8
S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 9
S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 10
S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 11
S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 12
S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 13
S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 14
S-EDI Language and Cognitive Skills item 15

PFL measures

Would you say that your child:	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Q2.16 demonstrates special numeracy skills or talents e.g., is very good with numbers and maths			
Q2.17 demonstrates special literacy skills or talents			
e.g., is very good in reading or writing			
Q2.18 demonstrates special skills or talents in arts e.g., is very good at art			
Q2.19 demonstrates special skills or talents in music e.g., is very good with music (singing, playing instruments)			
Q2.20 demonstrates special skills or talents in athletics/dance e.g., is very good at athletics/sports			
Q2.21 demonstrates special skills or talents in problem solving in a creative way			
e.g., is very good at finding solu- tions to problems			
Q2.22 demonstrates special skills or talents in other areas			

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Development Instrument Short version (S-EDI; Janus, Duku & Stat, 2005)

Q2.23	S-EDI Physical Well Being item 1
Q2.24	S-EDI Physical Well Being item 2
Q2.25	S-EDI Physical Well Being item 3
Q2.26	S-EDI Physical Well Being item 4
Q2.27	S-EDI Physical Well Being item 5
Q2.28	S-EDI Physical Well Being item 6
Q2.29	S-EDI Physical Well Being item 7
Q2.30	S-EDI Physical Well Being item 8
Q2.31	S-EDI Physical Well Being item 9

Q2.32	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 1
Q2.33	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 2
Q2.34	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 3
Q2.35	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 4
Q2.36	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 5
Q2.37	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 6
Q2.38	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 7
Q2.39	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 8
Q2.40	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 9

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Q2.41	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 10
Q2.42	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 11
Q2.43	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 12
Q2.44	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 13
Q2.45	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 14
Q2.46	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 15
Q2.47	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 16
Q2.48	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 17
Q2.49	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 18
Q2.50	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 19
Q2.51	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 20
Q2.52	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 21
Q2.53	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 22
Q2.54	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 23
Q2.55	S-EDI Social and Emotional Development item 24

PFL measures

Would you say that your child:	OFTEN OR VERY TRUE	SOMETIMES OR SOMEWHAT TRUE	NEVER OR NOT TRUE	DON'T KNOW
Q2.56 is inattentive (does not pay attention, listen, or watch closely)				
Q2.57 doesn't seem to feel guilty after misbehaving				
Q2.58 is defiant (stubborn) or refuses to comply (follow) with requests or rules				
Q2.59 tries to help some- one who has been hurt				
Q2.60 is unable to concen- trate or pay attention for long				
Q2.61 punishment doesn't change his/her behaviour				
Q2.62 has difficulty wait- ing his/her turn in games				
Q2.63 physically attacks people				

PFL measures

Would you say that your child:	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Q2.64 demonstrates knowledge of the alphabet			
Q2.65 understands what writing is used for			
Q2.66 can do/undo buttons or zips			
Q2.67 writes letters and words			
Q2.68 can manage his/her lunch or snack on his/her own			
Q2.69 uses emerging reading skills to make meaning from print			
e.g., tries to figure out words, tries to identify words in a book			
Q2.70 is able to put on his/her coat independently			

Q2.71 Does your junior infant child experience problems or difficulties in any of the following areas?	YES	NO
Problems in school		
Learning disability		
Physical disability		
Emotional problems		
Behaviour problems		
Vision difficulties		
Hearing difficulties		
Speech difficulties		
Developmental delay		
Restrictive/therapeutic diet prescribed by a health professional		
Other (please specify)		

The next questions are more about your child's readiness for school. Please tick the box that best answers each question.
Q2.72 Does your junior infant child have any problem that influences his/her ability to do schoolwork in a regular classroom
□ Yes
□ No
□ I don't know
\square I chose not to answer
□ I don't know
Q2.73 In terms of school readiness, how would you have rated your child when he/she started school in September [insert year]?
□ Definitely Ready
□ Somewhat Ready
□ Definitely Not Ready
Q2.74 In terms of school readiness, how would you rate your child now?
□ Definitely Ready
□ Somewhat Ready
□ Definitely Not Ready
Q2.75 If you have any comments about your child and his/her readiness for school, please list them below in print.

Q2.76 Which of the areas below do you think is <u>most important</u> and <u>Least important</u> for a child's school readiness?

Physical Health and Well-Being (child's health status, growth, disabilities, motor skills)

Social Competence (ability to get on with peers, readiness to explore new things responsibility)

Emotional Maturity (comforts others, overall behaviour, attentive, is not fearful or anxious, does not get into physical fights)

Language and Cognitive Development (interest and skills in literacy And numeracy)

Communication Skills and General Knowledge (overall ability to communicate and general knowledge)

Q2.76a MOST IMPORTANT:	
O2 766 LEAST TMPORTANT:	



The next questions are about childcare

Q2.77	Did your junior infant attend preschool/crèche? □ Yes □ No
Q2.78	If your junior infant attended pre-school/crèche, which one did he/she attend? Bonnybrook Early Education Centre (Una Hill) Bunratty Playgroup Doras Bui Early Start, OLI Senior N.S., Darndale Bannybrook Community Playgroup (Glin Centre Nursery) Jigsaw Centre, Darndale Moatview Day Nursery New Life Centre, Darndale St. Francis Community Playgroup, Priorswood Other (Please specify



Childcare History

Q2.79 If your junior infant attended any type of child care before beginning junior infants, please write the age he/she started that type of care, the age he/she ended that type of care, and the amount of time spent in that type of childcare per week.

EXAMPLE :	Put the age that y started and finish childcare centre h	our child ed in the ere	
Type of Childcare	From Ag	To Age	Hrs/ week
Preschool/crèche 2 Name: <u>Tiny Tots Playgroup</u>	O 6 Years Months	Years Months	20
Put the name of the childcare centre here	Put the numbe spent in this t	r of hours that you	ur child ere

Type of Childcare	From Age	To Age	Hrs/ week
Preschool/crèche 1			
Name:			
	Years Months	Years Months	
Preschool/crèche 2			
Name:			
	Years Months	Years Months	
Grandparents	Years Months	Years Months	
Other Relative/Friend	Years Months	Years Months	
Nanny/Childminder	Years Months	Years Months	

THAT'S THE END OF SECTION 2!

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THOSE QUESTIONS. PLEASE MOVE RIGHT ALONG TO SECTION 3 WHICH IS ABOUT YOUR THOUGHTS ON PARENTING.

Section 3: Your Thoughts on Parenting



The next set of questions ask about how often you take part in certain activities with your junior infant child. For the questions in this section, please mark how often you take part in each activity described with your junior infant child by putting an 'X' in the appropriate box.

Please look at the examples below.

EXAMPLE 1:

EXAMPLE 2:	Putting an 'X' here says that you never walk your child to					
	junior infants.	Never	Once in a While	About Half the Time	Very Often	Always
I walk my child to junic	or infants.	×				

	Never	Once in a While	About Half the Time	Very Often	Always
I walk my child to junior infants.				X	
sav		Putting savs t	g an 'X' h hat you w hild to ju s very of	ere Valk	t few

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Q3.1	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 1
Q3.2	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 2
Q3.3	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 3
Q3.4	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 4
Q3.5	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 5
Q3.6	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 6
Q3.7	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 7
Q3.8	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 8
Q3.9	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 9
Q3.10	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 10
Q3.11	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 11
Q3.12	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 12
Q3.13	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 13
Q3.14	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 14
Q3.15	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 15
Q3.16	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 16
Q3.17	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 17
Q3.18	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 18
Q3.19	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 19
Q3.20	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 20

Q3.21	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 21
Q3.22	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 22
Q3.23	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 23
Q3.24	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 24
Q3.25	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 25
Q3.26	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 26
Q3.27	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 27
Q3.28	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 28
Q3.29	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 29
Q3.30	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 30
Q3.31	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 31
Q3.32	Parenting Styles and Dimensions Questionnaire item 32

THAT'S THE END OF SECTION 3!

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THOSE QUESTIONS. PLEASE MOVE ON TO THE NEXT SECTION WHICH IS ABOUT YOUR HEALTH.

Section 4: Your Health

The next section is about your health. Please tick the box that best answers each question.

Q4.1 In general, how would yo	u describe your	overall, general health?
□ Excellent		

□ Good

□ Very Good

□ Fair

□ Poor

For the next few questions, please mark which is closest to how you have been feeling over the last two weeks.

Over the last two weeks:	At no Time	Some of the Time	Less than Half of the Time	More than Half of the Time	Most of the Time	All of the Time
Q4.2 I have felt cheerful and in good spirits						
Q4.3 I have felt calm and re- laxed						
Q4.4 I have felt active and vigorous (full of life and energy)						
Q4.5 I woke up feeling fresh and rested						
Q4.6 My daily life has been filled with things that interest me						

Below is a list of the ways you might have felt or acted in the <u>past week.</u> Please mark how often you have felt this way in the <u>past week</u> by ticking the box that best represents how often you felt that way.

During the past week:	Rarely or None of the Time (less than 1 day)	Some or a Little of the Time (1-2 days)	Occasion- ally or a Moderate Amount of Time (3-4 days)	Most or All of the Time (5-7 days)
Q4.7 I was bothered by things that don't usually bother me.				
Q4.8 I did not feel like eating; my appetite was poor.				
Q4.9 I felt that I could not shake off the blues even with help from my family or friends.				
Q4.10 I felt that I was just as good as other people.				
Q4.11 I had trouble keeping my mind on what I was doing.				
Q4.12 I felt depressed.				
Q4.13 I felt that everything I did was an effort.				
Q4.14 I felt hopeful about the future.				
Q4.15 I thought my life had been a failure.				
Q4.16 I felt fearful.				
Q4.17 My sleep was restless.				

	Rarely or None of the Time (less than 1 day)	Some or a Little of the Time (1-2 days)	Occasion- ally or a Moderate Amount of Time (3-4 days)	Most or All of the Time (5-7 days)
Q4.18 I was happy.				
Q4.19 I talked less than usual.				
Q4.20 I felt lonely.				
Q4.21 People were unfriendly.				
Q4.22 I enjoyed life.				
Q4.23 I had crying spells.				
Q4.24 I felt sad.				
Q4.25 I felt that people dis- like me.				
Q4.26 I could not get "going."				

THAT'S THE END OF SECTION 4!

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THOSE QUESTIONS. PLEASE MOVE ON TO THE FINAL SECTION WHICH IS ABOUT YOUR WORK LIFE AND FINANCES.



Section 5: Your Work Life and Finances

This section will ask questions about your work life and how you are getting on financially. Please tick the box that best answers each question.

Q5.1	What is your current work status? Please tick the option that best applies.
	☐ Have paid job, but on leave☐ In paid Work☐ Unemployed
	□ Student
	□ Looking after home/family
	□ Retired
	□ Not able to work due to permanent disability/sickness
	□ FAS training (paid)
	☐ FAS training (unpaid)
	□ Other (please specify) □ I don't know
	□ I choose not to answer
05.0	-
Q5.2	If not currently employed, how long have you been without work (in months)?
	months
	□ This doesn't apply to me because I am employed□ I don't know
	\square I choose not to answer
Q5.3	If employed, what is your main job?
Q 3.3	
	Job: □ This doesn't apply to me because I am not employed □ I don't know
	\square I choose not to answer

Q5.4	On average, how many hours per week do you usually work?				
	hours				
	☐ This does not apply to me because I am not employed				
	□ I don't know				
	\square I choose not to answer				
Q5.5	Could you give me a rough estimate of how much you earn, on average, in your job(s)?				
	€				
	□ I don't know				
	\square I choose not to answer				
Q5.6	Is this amount (please tick only one):				
	□ Per hour				
	□ Per week				
	□ Per month				
	□ Per year				
	□ I don't know				
	\square I choose not to answer				
Q5.7	Do you or anybody in your household receive any social welfare				
Q 0.7	payments such as unemployment insurance, social welfare payments, rent allowance, disability allowances, or job seekers allowance?				
	□ Yes				
	□ No				
	□ I don't know				
	□ I choose not to answer				

Q 5.6	you please the months. Over average total from all sour household? employment worker's column all other	ink about your house this time, what is yo I income per week, th ces and includes soci This includes wages a dividends and intere	e an exact tigure for income, but could hold's take home income in the last 12 our best guess of the household's is is the take-home family weekly income al benefits for all people living in your nd salaries, income from selfest, unemployment insurance or the dole, ent pension, child benefit, child support, the option that best represents your services.				
	□ Less	s than €50	□ €500 to under 600				
		to under 100	□ €600 to under 750				
	□ €100	O to under 150	□ €750 to under 900				
		0 to under 200	□ €900 to under 1000				
	□ €20	0 to under 250	□ €1000 to under 1500				
	□ €25	0 to under 300	□ €1500 or more				
	□ € 30	0 to under 400	□ I don't know				
	□ € 40	0 to under 500	\square I choose not to answer				
Q5.9	Do you have o □ Yes □ No	a medical card? □ I don't know □ I choose not to	o answer				
Q5.10	Q5.10 Do you have a GP visit card? This card pays for doctors visits, but not prescriptions?						
	□ Yes	□ I don't know					
	□ No	☐ I choose not to	o answer				
Q5.11 Do you have private health insurance that covers the cost of private medical treatment (e.g. VHI, BUPA)							
	□ Yes	□ I don't know					
	□ No	☐ I choose not to	answer				

THAT'S THE END OF THE SURVEY!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS!

PLEASE PUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED, SEAL IT, AND RETURN IT TO YOUR CHILD'S JUNIOR INFANTS TEACHER BY FRIDAY, 23rd OCTOBER, 2015.

