

School Readiness Survey for Parent Carers.

Consultation Questions.



The consultation starts on Tuesday 1st April 2025 and ends on Saturday 31st May 2025.



You can complete the survey online by going to [Your Sefton Your Say](#) website and looking for the School Readiness survey.

Or scan this QR code with your phone or tablet camera and follow the link.



If you need any help completing the questionnaire, or if you would like a paper copy, please call, or email us.



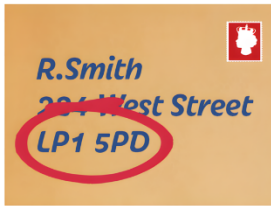
Phone Call: 07929 742 666.

Or Email: Kimberley.Evans@sefton.gov.uk



All the information you give is kept safe; you can find out more in the privacy notice.

School Readiness Survey for Parents and Carers.



1) Please write the first 3 or 4 letters of your postcode.



2) How many children do you have at the following ages? Please write a number.

- Under 1.
- Age 1
- Age 2.
- Age 3.
- Age 4.
- Age 5.



3) Reception is the first year of school, children usually start when they are 4. Do you think your child will be (or was) ready for reception?

- Yes.
- No.
- Not sure.



4) When starting school, children should do some things by themselves.

Which of these skills do you think your child should be able to do by themselves when they start school?

- Tell an adult what they need.
- Use the toilet, wipe themselves.
- Wash their hands.
- Eat with a knife and fork.
- Dress themselves.

- Hold a pencil or crayon properly, with their finger and thumb.
- Listen to adults.
- Follow simple instructions (for example put on your coat).

- Count to 20.
- Play and share with other children.
- Write their name.
- Name shapes.

- Pick up and look at a book, turn the pages and follow the pictures.

- Come into school happily.

- Not use a dummy.
- Pay attention to a short story.
- Walk holding an adult's hand without using a pram.



5) Many news stories say lots of children do not have the skills they need when they start school. Do you think this is true?

- Yes.
- No.
- Not sure.



6) Why do you think that some children are not ready for school?

Please tick all the boxes that you agree with.

- Some parents have to work long hours
- Schools and teachers expect too much
- Some parents do not think it is their job to prepare their child for school.
- Some parents spend more time on screens than with children
- Some parents do not know how to get their child ready for school.

- Talking to babies is important, but some parents might not do this enough.
- Children spend more than 2 hour per day using screens
- Childcare costs a lot of money.
- Some parents do not read to their child at home.
- Some children do not have time to play with other children
- Parents might not have enough money to buy things to help their children learn.
- There might not be enough help in the community for parents.
- Parents might not meet friends with children who can help them.
- The Covid lockdown made things harder for parents.
- Nurseries or childminders might not give good care and education.
- I can think of other reasons (please tell us in the box below).



7) Whose job is it to make sure children can do these things before they start school?

Please tick the box to choose parent, health visitor, nursery/childminder or school for each option. You can choose more than one.

Go to the toilet and wash their hands.

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Get dressed.

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use a knife and fork to eat.

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tell someone what they need.

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Follow a simple instruction (e.g. find their shoes).

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pick up and look at a book, turn the pages and follow the pictures.

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School

Play and share with other children.

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School

Focus on a short story.

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School

Come into school happily.

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School

Basic counting, shapes and colours.

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School

Hold a pencil or crayon correctly with their finger and thumb.

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School

Clean their teeth.

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School

Not to need a dummy.

Parent	Health visitor	Nursery or Childminder	School



8) What would help more parents to be able to make sure their children are ready for school?

Tick all the boxes that you agree with.

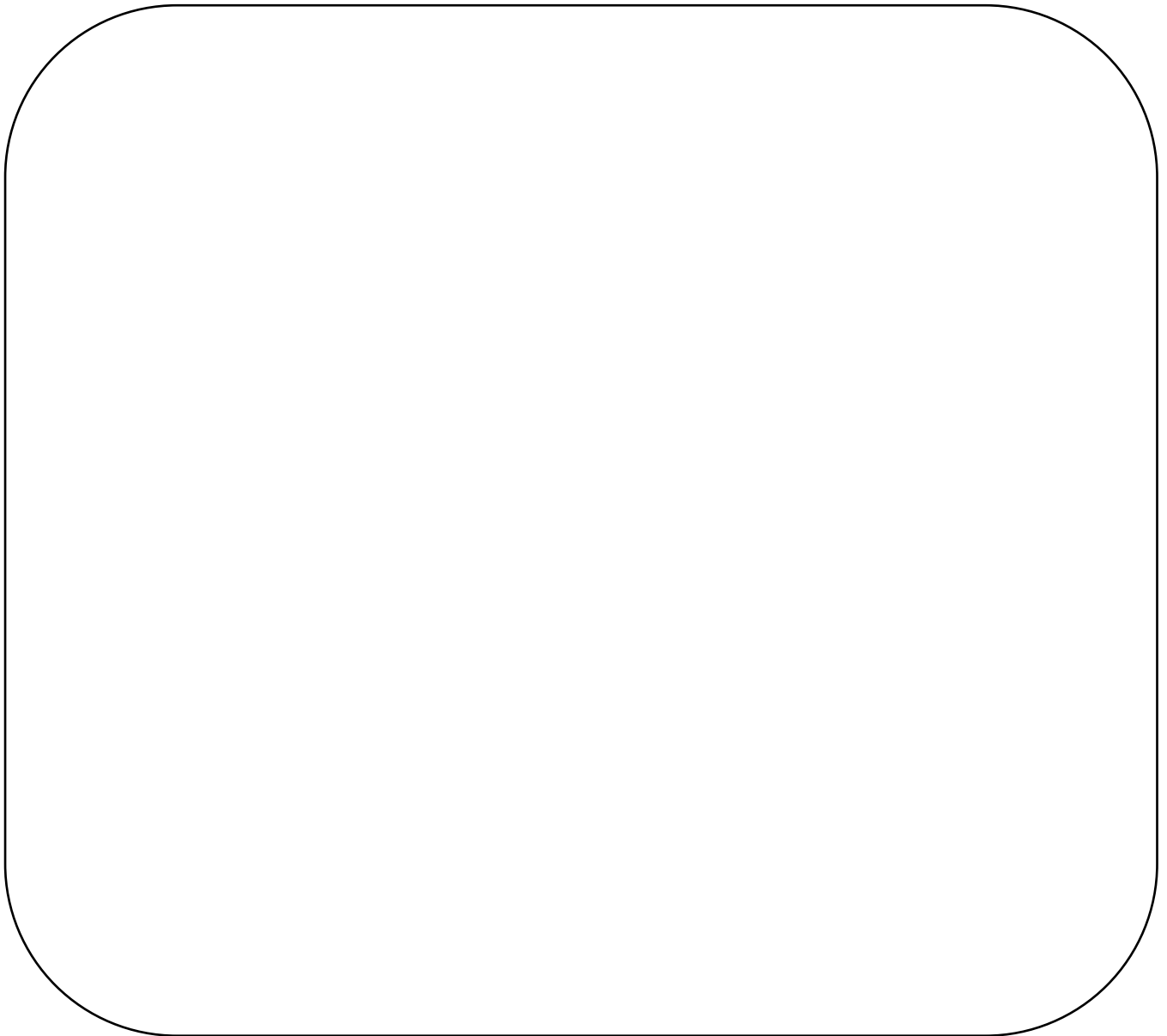
- Childcare should cost less.
- Parents should spend less time using screens when caring for their children.
- Children should spend less time on screens.
- More places in nurseries and childminders.
- More information for parents and carers about how to help their child.
- More help from teachers.
- More help from health visitors.

More parent groups and play sessions

Places to meet other parents

Ideas of activities to do at home.

Do you have any other ideas of what you think would help parents? Please tell us here:





9) Where would you look for information about how children get ready for school?

Please tick all the options that you agree with.

- Google search.
- Health visitor.
- Early Years provider e.g. nursery or childminder
- Tik Tok.
- X / Twitter.
- Facebook.
- Instagram.
- Friends.
- Family members.
- Local Authority Early Years Team.
- Family Wellbeing Centre.
- Local parent and toddler group.
- Library.

I get information from somewhere else.
Please tell us in the box below:

Some Questions About You.



You don't have to answer these questions if you don't want to. All your answers are kept secret. We put all the answers together. Your answers cannot tell us who you are.

We want to make sure we include everyone. So, your answers are very helpful to us.



1. Are you okay with giving your details as explained in the privacy notice?

Yes. No.

2. How old are you?



Under 18. 18-29. 30 – 39.
40 – 49. 50 -59. 60 – 69.
79 – 79. 80 -84. 85+.
Prefer not to say.

3. Sex.



Male.

Female.

Prefer not to say.

4. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?



Yes.

No.

Prefer not to say.

5. Do you currently live as your birth sex?



Yes.

No.

Prefer not to say.



If no, please tell us your gender identity?

6. Relationships - How would you describe your sexual orientation?



Heterosexual or straight.

Gay/Lesbian.

Bisexual.



I identify differently.

Prefer not to say.

Please tell us how you identify.



Children and young people become cared for (sometimes known as looked after) when they cannot stay with the family they lived with, so the Council takes on the responsibility of looking after them as a parent would.



7. Are you cared for by Sefton Council?

Yes.

No.

Prefer not to say.



8. Have you ever been cared for as a child by Sefton Council or any other council?

Yes.

No.

Prefer not to say.



9. Disability - Do you have any of the following?



Physical Impairment.



Visual Impairment.



Hearing impairment or Deaf.



Learning difficulty.



Learning disabilities.



Autism Spectrum Conditions.



Long-term illness that affects you daily life.



Dementia.



Mental Health Condition.



Prefer not to say.

If you have Cancer, diabetes, or HIV this is seen as a disability under the Equalities Law. Or you have selected any of the boxes in question 9.

10. Do you think of yourself as disabled?



Yes.

No.

Prefer not to say.



11. What is your religion or belief?



No religion or belief.



Christian.



Hindu.



Muslim.



Jewish.



Sikh.



Buddhist



Prefer not to say.

Other.

Please tell us:

12. Race and ethnicity - do you identify as:



Prefer not to say.

White.



English.

Welsh.

Scottish.

Northern Irish.

British.

Irish.

Gypsy, Irish Traveller, or Roma.

Polish .

Portuguese.

Latvian.

Lithuanian.

Mixed and Multiple Ethnic groups.



White and Black Caribbean.

White and Black African.

White and Asian.

Asian or Asian British.



- Indian.
- Bangladeshi.
- Pakistani.
- Chinese.

Black or Black British.



- African.
- Caribbean.

Other Ethnic Group.



- Arab.
 - Other Ethnic background. Please tell us.
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Thank you for filling in this form.

This information will **not** be able to tell us who you are but it will help us to understand if we are missing people out.

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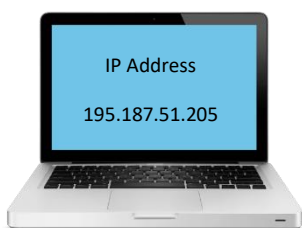
Privacy Notice.

Sefton Council would like to tell you about our Privacy Notice for the School Readiness survey for Parents and Carers.



This Easy Read privacy notice for the School Readiness Survey for Parents and carers will explain **the personal information we collect**.

In this questionnaire we will collect information about:



- IP addresses (this is a computer code to show what computer the information comes from).
- Equality questions.



What personal information we collect.

In this consultation we collect

- IP address.
- Email address.
- Age.
- Sexuality.
- Gender.
- Care experience.





- Disability.
- Religion.
- Race or ethnicity.



Why we collect and use this information.

Sefton Council are asking parents and carers to tell us about what they think school readiness means. They want to know what help parents and carers need to make sure their children are 'school ready'.



IP addresses that identify computers.

- The IP addresses are collected to make sure only one response per resident is received.
- Once this is checked the IP address information is deleted.

Equalities Questions.

These are collected to show what groups of people are responding to the questionnaire.

This also lets us know if we need to use different ways to contact groups of people who are not responding.



How long we keep your information.

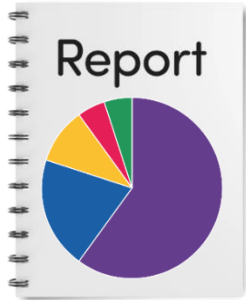
The IP address will be deleted immediately after the checks are done.





The equalities information will be kept until the information has been looked at and a report written.

How we use the information and who we share the information with.



The information collected in this questionnaire will only be used as numbers in the report and to look at themes.

We are not collecting information that will tell us who you are.



Storing the information.

All information is kept safe.

Sefton Council follows the laws around data protection.

The laws.

We need to make sure we

- Only ask the questions we need to in the questionnaire.
- Ask the equalities questions.



The law says we must ask and act on this information.

It helps us to know what groups of people are responding to the questionnaire.

It also helps us to know that we are not missing groups of people.





Confidential.

Your answers to the questions will not tell us who you are.

The answers will be collected to help us know what people think.



Who will we share this information with?

Your information will not say who you are, unless you have given your email address. The email address will not be shared with anyone. The consultation report will be shared with partners who provide SEND services.

Asking to see your personal information.



You can ask to see what personal information we keep about you.

Be aware there are some rules about why some information cannot be shared.



You can refuse to answer any questions in the questionnaire.



If you want to ask to see your personal information you can. Use the Council [website to complete a request form.](#)

Or you can call Sefton Council on

0345 140 0845



Contacts

For more information about this privacy notice please contact:



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