**Findings on attitudes to/experiences of COVID19**

**Technical background**

## **Response rate**

## There were 842 schools with P7-age pupils on the database provided by DE, and of these 94 participated in the survey, representing 11 percent of schools. This was a much lower response rate than in previous survey years (usually over 20%) but was not unexpected given the Covid-19 pandemic and the impact of lock-downs and school closures throughout the fieldwork period.

There were approximately 25,450 P7-age children. This figure was compiled using the numbers of P6-age pupils from the DE database (June 2020) who at the time of the survey would be in P7. In total 2,242 children logged on to the survey, a response rate of approximately 9 percent. Reflecting the response rate for schools, fewer children participated in the 2020 KLT survey than in previous years (usually around 18%).

## **Table 1: Response by Council Area**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Schools (DE and KLT) |  |
|  | DE% | KLT% | Children (KLT)% |
| Antrim and Newtownabbey | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Ards and North Down | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | 11 | 13 | 18 |
| Belfast | 13 | 8 | 9 |
| Causeway Coast and Glens | 10 | 4 | 2 |
| Derry City and Strabane | 8 | 5 | 4 |
| Fermanagh and Omagh | 10 | 13 | 6 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh | 5 | 5 | 8 |
| Mid and East Antrim | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Mid-Ulster | 12 | 12 | 15 |
| Newry, Mourne and Down | 12 | 19 | 18 |

## **Table 2: Response by type of school management**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Schools (DE and KLT) |  |
|  | DE% | KLT% | Children (KLT)% |
| Controlled | 43 | 39 | 35 |
| Catholic Maintained | 43 | 55 | 61 |
| Controlled Integrated | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Grant Maintained Integrated | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Voluntary | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Other Maintained | 3 | 1 | <1 |
| Special | 4[[1]](#footnote-1) | 0 | 0 |

## **Table 3: Response by school location[[2]](#footnote-2)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Schools (DE and KLT) |
|  | DE% | KLT% |
| Urban | 46 | 51 |
| Rural | 54 | 49 |

## **Table 4: Response by gender**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | P7 children (DE and KLT) |
|  | DE% | KLT% |
| Boys | 51 | 49 |
| Girls | 49 | 51 |

**Accessing the data**

Tables of results from the 2020 survey are available on the KLT website at [www.ark.ac.uk/klt](http://www.ark.ac.uk/klt)

**Results Tables**

\*Please note that tables may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

1. **During lockdown, did you, or a person you were living with, have to shield (stay at home and not go outside at all) because of a health condition?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| Yes | 528 | 25 |
| No | 1317 | 87 |
| I’m not sure | 285 | 13 |
| Total | 2130 | 100 |

1. **How do you think your physical health was affected by the Coronavirus lockdown? Was it...**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| Worse during lockdown | 707 | 33 |
| Better during lockdown | 422 | 20 |
| The same as before | 997 | 47 |
| Total | 2126 | 100 |

1. **And how do you think your mental and emotional health was affected by the Coronavirus lockdown? Was it…**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| Worse during lockdown | 870 | 41 |
| Better during lockdown | 276 | 13 |
| The same as before | 956 | 46 |
| Total | 2102 | 100 |

1. **During lockdown, were you able to get medical treatment (e.g. from a doctor, dentist, counsellor etc.) for any health issues that were not related to Coronavirus?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| I did not need any medical treatment that was not related to Coronavirus | 1750 | 84 |
| I needed medical treatment and was able to get it | 251 | 12 |
| I needed medical treatment but was not able to get it | 74 | 4 |
| Total | 2075 | 100 |

1. **Did you go into school during lockdown?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| Yes, all of the time | 72 | 3 |
| Yes, some of the time | 295 | 14 |
| No | 1744 | 83 |
| Total | 2111 | 100 |

1. **Please say how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. During the Coronavirus lockdown…..**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree% | Agree% | Neither agree nor disagree% | Disagree% | Strongly disagree% | Total% |
| I got enough support from teachers to help me with my school work  | 30 | 39 | 18 | 9 | 4 | 100 |
| I got enough support from my parents / guardians to help me with my school work  | 55 | 31 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 100 |
| I had all the resources (books, materials etc.) that I needed to study  | 45 | 35 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 100 |
| I was able to access the Internet when I needed to  | 62 | 27 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 100 |
| Overall, I feel my education has been negatively affected by Coronavirus  | 22 | 24 | 23 | 17 | 13 | 100 |

1. **Please say how much you agree or disagree with the following statement. During lockdown…..**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree% | Agree% | Neither agree nor disagree% | Disagree% | Strongly disagree% | Total% |
| I could talk to/contact friends as much as I wanted to  | 38 | 30 | 14 | 13 | 5 | 100 |
| I had enough inside space to play/study  | 50 | 38 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 100 |
| I had enough outside space (e.g. garden) to keep active/spend time  | 57 | 29 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 100 |
| I felt safe at home  | 67 | 24 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 100 |

1. **Were you worried about returning to school?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| Yes | 599 | 29 |
| No | 1116 | 55 |
| I’m not sure | 288 | 14 |
| I was in school during lockdown | 35 | 2 |
| Total | 2038 | 100 |

1. **Were your parent(s) worried about you returning to school?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| Yes | 384 | 19 |
| No | 865 | 43 |
| I’m not sure | 745 | 37 |
| I was in school during lockdown | 12 | 1 |
| Total | 2006 | 100 |

1. **How often do you have to be in school this term?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| Every day | 1492 | 72 |
| A few days a week | 233 | 11 |
| Every other week | 42 | 2 |
| Other  | 317 | 15 |
| Total | 2084 | 100 |

1. **In your school, are there facilities for keeping your hands clean such as soap and water or hand gel/sanitiser?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| All the time | 1924 | 92 |
| Sometimes | 147 | 7 |
| Never | 12 | 1 |
| Total | 2083 | 100 |

1. **Since returning to school, have you been able to take part in the extra-curricular activities you normally would have been involved in (e.g., choir, clubs, sports etc.)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| Yes, all of them | 86 | 4 |
| Yes, some of them | 651 | 32 |
| No | 1153 | 56 |
| I was not involved in extra-curricular activities | 176 | 8 |
| Total | 2066 | 100 |

1. **Since lockdown ended, I have been able to: Meet up with friends**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| Yes | 1591 | 78 |
| No | 375 | 18 |
| I haven’t wanted to do this | 85 | 4 |
| Total | 2051 | 100 |

1. **Since lockdown ended, I have been able to: Play in parks**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| Yes | 1254 | 62 |
| No | 475 | 23 |
| I haven’t wanted to do this | 307 | 15 |
| Total | 2036 | 100 |

1. **Since lockdown ended, I have been able to: Group sports/activities (e.g. choir, dance, drama)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| Yes | 778 | 39 |
| No | 867 | 43 |
| I haven’t wanted to do this | 354 | 18 |
| Total | 1999 | 100 |

1. **Since lockdown ended, I have been able to: Stay overnight with your family away from your home ?**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | N | % |
| Yes | 937 | 46 |
| No | 833 | 41 |
| I haven’t wanted to do this | 246 | 12 |
| Total | 2016 | 100 |

1. **Thinking generally about the Coronavirus crisis, please say how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. (Click one answer on each line)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly agree% | Agree% | Neither agree nor disagree% | Disagree% | Strongly disagree% | I don’t know% | Total% |
| The Government has provided information on Coronavirus in a child-friendly way  | 13 | 28 | 25 | 14 | 7 | 14 | 100 |
| The Government listens to children when making decisions about Coronavirus  | 7 | 11 | 20 | 24 | 19 | 18 | 100 |
| My family is financially worse off (has less money) because of Coronavirus  | 7 | 12 | 14 | 25 | 18 | 23 | 100 |

1. Please note that of the 38 Special schools with P7 pupils, DE figures record 36 as Controlled, 1 as Catholic Maintained and 1 as Other Maintained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. DE website <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/school-enrolment-school-level-data-201920> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)