

9. Changes over time summary

This section highlights the main changes in children and young people's views and experiences over time (**over a two year period from 2007 to 2009**). The changes presented are statistically significant and only changes of more than four percentage points are given. Where the increase or decrease is a positive change, this is indicated with green and where it is in a negative direction, this is indicated with red.

Overall, nearly all of the changes are positive and show that a larger proportion of children and young people feel safe in the area where they live, enjoy school and recycle in 2009, compared to 2007.

| Summary of changes in survey results over time (children aged 7-11 years) | |
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| Being healthy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been an increase (four percentage points) in the proportion of children who report that they play outside. |
| Staying safe | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been an increase in the proportion of children who feel safe at school (five percentage points) and feel safe going to and from school (four percentage points). There has been a decrease in the proportion of children who worry about people hanging around (five percentage points) and who worry about being on a bus or train (four percentage points). There has been an increase (five percentage points) in the proportion of children who report they would talk to an adult at school when they need help. There has been a decrease (four percentage points) in the proportion of children who report that they have been called names or talked about by other children. |
| Enjoying and achieving | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been an increase in the proportion of children who report that they enjoy going to school (seven percentage points), like lessons (seven percentage points) and like reading (five percentage points). There has been an increase (five percentage points) in the proportion of children who think they are doing well at school. There has been an increase in the proportion of children who, after school, play with their friends (four percentage points), do things with their family (four percentage points), and use the internet (four percentage points). |
| Making a positive contribution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been an increase in the proportion of children who report that they recycle (nine percentage points) and help collect money for charity (four percentage points). There has been an increase in the proportion of children who report that their ideas are as good as other children's (four percentage points) and who feel adults notice when they work hard (four percentage points). |
| Achieving economic well-being | <p><i>There are no overall differences between responses from children in 2007 and 2009.</i></p> |
| Living in Kent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been an increase (six percentage points) in the proportion of children who like living in Kent. |

Summary of changes in survey results over time (young people aged 11-16 years)

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| Being healthy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been an increase in the proportion of young people travelling to school by bus (11 percentage points) and a decrease in the proportion travelling to school by car (five percentage points). • There has been an increase (five percentage points) in the proportion of young people eating school meals. • There has been a decrease (five percentage points) in the proportion of young people eating five or more portions of fruit or vegetables on most days. • There has been an increase in the proportion of young people who report they never drink alcohol (15 percentage points), never get drunk (12 percentage points) and never smoke (four percentage points). • There has been an increase in the proportion of young people who report that they never feel sad and depressed (four percentage points). • There has been an increase in the proportion of young people who report they receive enough information about how to access advice on relationships (four percentage points). |
| Staying safe | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been an increase in the proportion of young people who report they receive enough information about internet safety (13 percentage points). • There has been an increase (five percentage points) in the proportion of young people who report they feel safe in school. • There has been an increase (five percentage points) in the proportion of young people who feel there is an adult at school who can help them when they cannot deal with issues on their own. • There has been an increase in the proportion of young people who report that the following concerns are not a problem in the area they live: people on drugs (seven percentage points), people carrying knives (six percentage points) and travelling on a bus or train (five percentage points). |
| Enjoying and achieving | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a decrease in the proportion of young people who feel a lack of feedback on their progress in school is a barrier to learning (four percentage points), but an increase in the proportion who feel that not having a computer at school is a barrier to learning (four percentage points). |
| Making a positive contribution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a decrease in the proportion indicating that they would like to recycle (eight percentage points) and an increase in the proportion reporting that they do already recycle (11 percentage points). • There has been an increase in the proportion of young people who report that they do already help people who are being bullied (four percentage points) and help a neighbour (five percentage points). • There has been an increase (four percentage points) in the proportion of young people who report that they would not consider raising money for charity. • There has been an increase (five percentage points) in the proportion of young people who feel they have a say on issues affecting the area where they live either <i>sometimes</i> or <i>often</i>. |
| Achieving economic well-being | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a decrease (five percentage points) in the proportion of young people who think they will be able to get the sort of job they want. |
| Living in Kent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been an increase (four percentage points) in the proportion of young people who like the area where they live. |