

Thank you for being part of Growing Up in Scotland

An interviewer will be in touch soon to arrange a time for your telephone interview that works for you. As always, taking part is entirely up to you, and even if you do take part, you do not have to answer all the questions.

If you have any questions, please ask your interviewer, call us free on **0800 652 2704**, email us at **gus@scotcen.org.uk** or visit our website: **www.growingupinScotland.org.uk**. You can also contact the GUS Scottish Government team by emailing them at **GUS@gov.scot**.


We hope you enjoy taking part in Growing Up in Scotland, but if you do decide that you no longer want to be part of the study, you can withdraw at any time by contacting us by phone or email or by writing to: ScotCen Social Research, Scotiabank House, 6 South Charlotte St, Edinburgh, EH2 4AW.

THANK YOU!



Growing Up in Scotland

Thanks again for being part of Growing Up in Scotland. This leaflet provides more information about this year's survey which, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic restrictions, will take place **online and over the phone**. No interviewer will be visiting your home.



Did you know...

According to our findings, **79%** of young people taking part in GUS reported wanting to stay in education after they turned 16. Meanwhile, **47%** of young people said they wanted to go to university when they leave school.

This information helps local authorities, schools and agencies like Skills Development Scotland make plans to give pupils the right support with careers advice and choosing career options.

Your online questionnaire

We would like you to complete an online questionnaire. This can be completed on a smartphone, tablet or laptop/desktop computer.

If we have an email address for you, you should have received an email from us that contains a link that takes you straight to your survey. You can also use the link and login details provided on the letters. Ideally, this should be completed on your own, but it is fine for a parent/carer to help if they need to. The questionnaire will include questions about:

- School
- Friends, family and relationships
- Health, wellbeing and identity
- What you do in your free time e.g. playing sports or going to the cinema
- The impacts of coronavirus on your education, employment or training

Taking part is completely voluntary, and you can skip any questions that you don't want to answer.

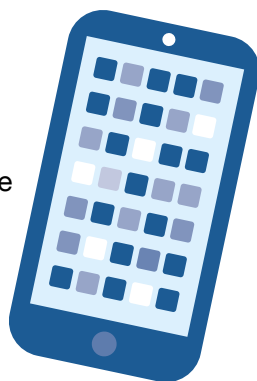
We will also be checking that the contact details we hold for you are up to date. We will only use these details to contact you about GUS. Don't worry, we'll keep your details safe and secure, just like everything else you tell us.

Your telephone interview

We would also like you to take part in a telephone interview. This will take around 25 minutes and the questions will cover things like:

- Future aspirations
- Physical activity
- Sleep

There are no right answers to the questions – we are just interested to hear what you think. As always, taking part in any of the questionnaires is completely up to you - you will be able to skip any questions you don't want to answer and stop at any time.



What happens to the information I give?

We won't tell anyone your answers, not even your family. The personal data you provide will be treated with care and with full respect for your privacy and confidentiality. However, if the interviewer hears something that makes them worry about you, they may need to tell someone who can help.

Once we have collected all the answers from everyone who takes part, they will be looked at together, anonymously. That means there will be no names attached to the answers and we will not know who said what. We then use the information to understand more about all young people your age in Scotland, not just those taking part in the study.

Some of your answers will be linked to information from the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and Skills Development Scotland (SDS). This, along with your answers to the survey, will help provide valuable information on young people's education in Scotland. Further information will be provided at your interview.

To understand more about what happens to the data you have provided and why data linkage is useful, please read the privacy notice and frequently asked questions on the GUS website. This can be found by clicking on the 'Information for GUS families' link at www.growingupinScotland.org.uk and then selecting 'Frequently Asked Questions'.



Did you know...

According to our findings, 75% of young people taking part in GUS last year were worried about the impact of the pandemic on their exam results. Meanwhile, 47% of young people were worried about the impact of the pandemic on their future job prospects.

Information like this helps improve understanding of how young people have been affected by the pandemic, meaning that better education and support can be provided to young people across Scotland.