



- ## Who will see my child's answers?

Responses from all participants are combined and the data are analysed in aggregate form, for example, to look at trends by gender or age group.

## What happens to the survey data?

In line with University of Glasgow policy, the data will be stored for a minimum of 10 years. After this period, further retention may be agreed or the data will be securely destroyed in accordance with the relevant standard procedures. Researchers from the HBSC Scotland team collect, store and process all personal information in



accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.

The anonymised dataset (a dataset with no identifying information about your child, such as date of birth) will be made available to other trusted researchers for teaching and research purposes only.

To read the HBSC Scotland privacy notice, please visit [gla.ac.uk/hbscscotland](http://gla.ac.uk/hbscscotland).

### How will the findings be used?

- We will *never* identify participating schools and pupils in any public documents.
- Each participating school will receive a report that combines the results from all the pupils who completed the survey in the school. It will **not** be possible for schools to identify individual pupils.
- The HBSC team will also publish a report with findings from the national data. The national report from the previous (2022) survey is available at [gla.ac.uk/hbscscotland](http://gla.ac.uk/hbscscotland)
- The results will be written up and published in academic journals and presented at conferences and other events.

### Where can I find out more?

We'd be happy to answer any questions. Please email the HBSC Scotland team on [shw-hbscscotland@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:shw-hbscscotland@glasgow.ac.uk) or visit the website: [gla.ac.uk/hbscscotland](http://gla.ac.uk/hbscscotland)

If your child takes part in this study, and you or they are unhappy afterwards, then please contact ethics committee at the University of Glasgow: [mvls-ethics-admin@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:mvls-ethics-admin@glasgow.ac.uk)

**Thank you for reading this information sheet**

***The College of Medical, Veterinary & Life Sciences Ethics Committee of the University of Glasgow has checked this research study and have given it their approval.***

# HBSC Scotland 2026 Survey

## Opt-out form

Please only complete this form if you do not want your child to take part in the research. Please return the form to the school office or your child's class teacher by ***Insert date.*** You can also phone or email the school to let them know that you do not wish to take part.

If you do not return this form, we will assume that you are happy for your child to take part.

This form will only be seen by members of school staff, it will not be shared with the HBSC research team.

Name of Child:.....

Class:.....

Name of Parent/ Guardian:.....

I DO NOT give permission for my child to participate the HBSC 2026 survey

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....