



# The HAPPEN Survey Report

## Annual Report

Academic Year 2023/2024



## HAPPEN

HAPPEN is a primary school network which brings together education, health and research. It aims to develop a better understanding of school needs and provides an opportunity for you to be able to target specific areas of health and wellbeing under the greater autonomy given by the new school curriculum in Wales.

The HAPPEN Survey and the school report you receive can act as a needs analysis, allowing your curriculum delivery to be tailored to the needs of your learners. This will enable pupils to become ambitious, capable, enterprising, informed, healthy and confident.







HAPPEN presents the opportunity for pupils to learn and make informed decisions about different aspects of health and wellbeing. We encourage the use of the report in school programmes such as Pupil Voice to allow children to be ambitious and creative to improve their health.

By taking part in the HAPPEN Survey, teachers and pupils are empowered to make meaningful changes by gaining a better understanding of pupil's **physical, psychological, emotional and social health**.

Schools can take part in the survey throughout the academic year to provide snapshots, track change and evaluate practice. Having completed the survey, schools receive an individual school report aligned with the new curriculum showing the overall picture of health and wellbeing in the school.

Results from your school report will enable your pupils to become:

-  Ambitious, capable learners who are ready to learn
-  Enterprising, creative contributors who ready to play a full part in life
-  Ethical, informed citizens who are ready to be citizens of the world
-  Healthy, confident individuals who are ready to lead fulfilling lives



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# Physical Health

## Physical Activity

Children Reported:	HAPPEN Data 2023 – 2024 (n=7016)	HAPPEN Data 2022 – 2023 (n=7175)	HAPPEN Data 2021 - 2022 (n=6613)
Physically active for 1 hour or more every day	23%	19%	21%

*\*It is recommended that children aged 5-18 should take part in moderate to vigorous activity for an average of at least 60 minutes per day across the week. Click [here](#) to see these guidelines and what counts as moderate to vigorous physical activity*

## Active Travel

Children Reported:	HAPPEN Data 2023 – 2024 (n=7016)	HAPPEN Data 2022 – 2023 (n=7175)	HAPPEN Data 2021 - 2022 (n=6613)
Can walk to school from their house	66%	64%	66%
Travel to school using an active method (previous day)	38%	35%	38%
Travel from school using an active method (previous day)	40%	37%	41%

# Physical Health

## Physical Competency

Agree or strongly agree:	HAPPEN Data 2023 – 2024 (n=7016)	HAPPEN Data 2022 – 2023 (n=7175)	HAPPEN Data 2021 - 2022 (n=6613)
Want to take part in physical activity	91%	91%	91%
Feel confident to take part in lots of different physical activities	87%	85%	85%
Feel good at lots of different physical activities	84%	83%	82%
Understand why taking part in physical activity is good for me	84%	93%	94%

# Physical Health

## Motivation

Agree or strongly agree:	HAPPEN Data 2023 – 2024 (n=7016)	HAPPEN Data 2022 – 2023 (n=7175)	HAPPEN Data 2021 - 2022 (n=6613)
Motivated to take part in activity by enjoyment	89%	89%	88%
Motivated to take part in activity by having fun with friends	93%	92%	92%
Motivated to take part in activity by learning and improving skills	89%	89%	88%
Motivated to take part in activity by competing against myself	77%	76%	76%
Motivated to take part in activity by competing in a team	84%	82%	81%

Children Reported:	HAPPEN Data 2023 – 2024 (n=7016)	HAPPEN Data 2022 – 2023 (n=7175)	HAPPEN Data 2021 - 2022 (n=6613)
They had someone else at home who was physically active	80%	72%	72%

# Physical Health

## Sedentary Behaviour and Sleep

Children Reported:	HAPPEN Data 2023 – 2024 (n=7016)	HAPPEN Data 2022 – 2023 (n=7175)	HAPPEN Data 2021 - 2022 (n=6613)
Sedentary screen time for 2 hours or more every day	40%	41%	45%
They had at least 9 hours of sleep	70%	71%	67%

Having enough sleep is crucial for good health, good quality of life and performing well throughout the day. As a guideline, children between 9 and 11 are recommended to have 9.5-10 hours sleep per night 12.

## Concentration

Children Reported:	HAPPEN Data 2023 – 2024 (n=7016)	HAPPEN Data 2022 – 2023 (n=7175)	HAPPEN Data 2021 - 2022 (n=6613)
They felt tired every day of the week	24%	25%	24%
They felt that they could concentrate in class every day of the week	53%	54%	55%

# Physical Health

## Diet and Dental Health

Children Reported:	HAPPEN Data 2023 – 2024 (n=7016)	HAPPEN Data 2022 – 2023 (n=7175)	HAPPEN Data 2021 - 2022 (n=6613)
They had 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day (previous day)	25%	23%	23%
They had a fizzy drink every day of the week	8%	9%	10%
They had sugary snacks every day of the week	23%	23%	26%
Brushing their teeth twice or more (previous day)	78%	78%	77%

*\*Guidelines suggest eating a minimum of 5 portions of fruit and vegetables per day. Suggestions to help children achieve their 5 a day can be found [here](#).*

# Mental Health & Wellbeing

## Autonomy and Competency

Agree or strongly agree:	HAPPEN Data 2023 – 2024 (n=7016)	HAPPEN Data 2022 – 2023 (n=7175)	HAPPEN Data 2021 - 2022 (n=6613)
They were doing well in school	83%	83%	82%
There were lots of things they were good at	86%	85%	83%
They had lots of choice over things which were important to them	85%	84%	84%
They feel part of their school community	84%	84%	84%
Have someone to talk to at home	66%	-	-
Feel safe in school	54%	-	-
Have someone to talk to in school	66%	-	-



# Mental Health & Wellbeing

## Wellbeing

Children Reported:	HAPPEN Data 2023 – 2024 (n=7016)	HAPPEN Data 2022 – 2023 (n=7175)	HAPPEN Data 2021 - 2022 (n=6613)
They were very happy with their health ( $\geq 8/10$ )	70%	69%	67%
They were very happy with their school * ( $\geq 8/10$ )	69%	74%	73%
They were very happy with their family ** ( $\geq 8/10$ )	90%	91%	90%
They were very happy with their friends *** ( $\geq 8/10$ )	80%	81%	83%
They were very happy with their appearance ( $\geq 8/10$ )	61%	61%	57%
They were very happy with their life as a whole ( $\geq 8/10$ )	77%	78%	76%

\*The above questions are based on questions from The Children's Society [Good Childhood Index](#) and are based on areas identified as important by children and strongly linked to their overall wellbeing.

# Mental Health & Wellbeing

## Mental Health

Children Reported:	HAPPEN Data 2023 – 2024 (n=7016)	HAPPEN Data 2022 – 2023 (n=7175)	HAPPEN Data 2021 - 2022 (n=6613)
Emotional difficulty*	29%	28%	29%
Behavioural difficulty*	17%	15%	15%

*\*This represents those children who had a borderline or clinical emotional or behavioural difficulty according to the validated [Me and My Feelings Survey](#)*

# The Community

## The Local Area

Children Reported:	HAPPEN Data 2023 – 2024 (n=7016)	HAPPEN Data 2022 – 2023 (n=7175)	HAPPEN Data 2021 - 2022 (n=6613)
Happy with their area *	92%	92%	92%
Feel very safe playing in local area ( $\geq 8/10$ )	70%	68%	70%
Can play in all the places they would like to*	29%	24%	26%

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