

Information for parents/guardians and pupils about the Ungdata survey

This year, the Ungdata survey will be carried out among pupils in upper secondary schools in your municipality/county. The survey will be conducted at the school during the spring term. The goal is to get an overview of how children and young people are doing and what they do in their free time.

Purpose of the survey

- To give young people an opportunity to tell their local politicians and government authorities about what it is like to grow up today.
- To provide knowledge that will be used in the municipality and county's work on improving the situation in which young people grow up.
- To generate research data that will produce more knowledge about the situation in which children grow up, locally, nationally and over time.

What do we ask about in the Ungdata survey?

- Friends, free time and media use
- Family, school and the local community
- Health, well-being and quality of life
- Bullying, violence and harassment
- Breaching rules and drug/alcohol abuse
- Gender, grade level and family background (e.g. country background/ethnicity, living situation and parents' level of education).

How is the Ungdata survey conducted?

- One school period is set aside to answer the survey, which takes place with an adult present.
- The survey is conducted online by logging onto Ungdata's response site using a randomly selected one-time code. The code cannot be linked to the respondent.
- The pupils answer by ticking alternatives in the questionnaire.
- The questions and answers in the questionnaire can be read aloud to those who request it. This requires the use of headphones.

Taking part is voluntary

- The pupils decide whether they want to participate or not.
- Respondents can skip questions they do not want to answer and can choose to end the questionnaire at any time.
- Parents/guardians of pupils under the age of 18 can decide not to let their children take part. Parents/guardians must then notify the contact teacher/school before the survey starts. Contact KORUS if you would like to be sent the questionnaire.

Data protection

- All answers will be treated confidentially and no individual will be recognised when results from the survey are published.
- Personal data will be stored on a secure site, where only a limited number of people have access. At the turn of the year five years after the survey has ended, data are anonymised and archived for further use in research and development work.
- The participants have the right to request to see what personal data are registered about them and can also request correction and deletion. The chance of these rights being met is small however, as names or other direct personal data are not collected. The participants have the right to object and complain to the Norwegian Data Protection Authority.
- The legal basis for processing personal data is that Ungdata safeguards important societal interests and that the purpose is research.
- The data protection service Sikt (personvern tjenester@sikt.no) has assessed the processing of personal data to be in accordance with the Personal Data Act.
- [Read more about data protection and research ethics at the Ungdata website](http://www.ungdata.no/personvern/)

Standby measures

The school health service will be on standby after the survey for any pupils who need follow-up.

Responsibility for the survey

The survey is organised by NOVA (Norwegian Social Research) at OsloMet – Oslo Metropolitan University and the regional drug and alcohol competence centres (KORUS), on assignment for the municipality.

Contact information

Data protection inquiries:

Contact the project manager at NOVA:

ungdata@oslomet.no.

You can also contact the data protection officer at OsloMet: personvernombud@oslomet.no.

You can find more information about the survey at the Ungdata website www.ungdata.no/informasjon-til-ungdom-og-foresatte/

Contact the school or your regional KORUS centre for more information about the survey.