

**School**

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**Teacher**

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## **ABOUT YOUR CLASS**

**This questionnaire is for the class teacher.**

**It asks about the physical environment of the classroom, the class structure and the stresses and strains you may be feeling.**

*We would be grateful if you could answer all questions, but if there are any you feel are inappropriate please put a line through them.*

*THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP*

**This information is confidential. No person or establishment will be identified by name in any report or publication.**

When completed please return the questionnaire to:

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## **SECTION A: THE ENVIRONMENT**

A1. How noisy is your school classroom usually?

a) Noise from outside the school (tick all that apply):

(i) Continuous loud noise (e.g. heavy traffic, machinery, etc.)

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(ii) Intermittent loud noise (e.g. rush-hour traffic, plane taking off)

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(iii) Continuous moderate noise

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(iv) Intermittent moderate noise

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(v) Usually quiet

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b) Noise from within the school perimeter (e.g. playground, other classes):

(i) Noise of other classes through the walls of your classroom:

can hear clearly and is a problem

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can hear clearly but not a problem

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can hear but not clearly

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hardly ever hear

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(ii) Noise of people moving around the school (e.g. along corridors)

can hear clearly and is a problem

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can hear clearly but not a problem

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can hear but not clearly

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hardly ever hear

☐

c) Is there double glazing in the outside windows?

Yes

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No

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**The school building(s):**

A2. Do you feel there is overcrowding:

	<b>Yes serious</b>	<b>Yes occasional</b>	<b>No</b>
a) For the staff:	<div><div>1</div></div>	<div><div>2</div></div>	<div><div>3</div></div>
b) For the pupils:	<div><div>1</div></div>	<div><div>2</div></div>	<div><div>3</div></div>

**If yes,** to either of the above,

c) Is this affecting the quality of education that you are providing?

Yes, a great deal	<div><div>1</div></div>	Yes, sometimes	<div><div>2</div></div>	No	<div><div>3</div></div>
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d) Are there aspects of a school curriculum that you are having to restrict or omit because of lack of space?

Yes	<div><div>1</div></div>	No	<div><div>2</div></div>
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**If yes,** please describe .....

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## **SECTION B: ABOUT THE CLASS**

B1. What is the age range of children in your class?

from      **years**      **months**      to      **years**      **months**

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B2. a) How many children are there on the class register?

children

b) How many of your class have been excluded from school since the beginning of this school year?

for a fixed term       permanently

c) How many are entitled to free school meals?  children

d) How many pupils have statements for special educational needs?

e) For how many children in your class do you have to keep medication?

	<b>No. of children</b>
(i) Ventolin/inhaler for asthma	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
(ii) Ritalin	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
(iii) Anti-convulsants (for epilepsy)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
(iv) Adrenalin/Epipen (for allergic reactions)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
(v) Other (please give number of children and state name(s) of medication)	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

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- B2. f) How many children in your class keep their own regular medication when they come to school?

**No. of children**

(i) Ventolin/inhaler for asthma

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(ii) Ritalin

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(iii) Other (please give number of children and state name(s) of medication)

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- B3. Approximately for what proportion of the children currently on your attendance register do you feel you have grounds for concern because the child's development might be impaired by his/her home circumstances? (Please tick one box only)

100%

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75-99%

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50-74%

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25-49%

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10-24%

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less than 10%

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- B4. How many children in your class are from homes where English is not the first language?

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children

- B5. a) On what criteria do you group children for classroom activities? (Tick all that apply)

**Yes**

**No**

(i) Attainment groups

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(ii) Mixed-ability groups

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(iii) Friendship groups

1
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(iv) Gender groups

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(v) Age-based groups

1
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B5. b) In this class are there ability groups (or setting) for:

	Yes	No
(i) Literacy	<div><div>1</div></div>	<div><div>2</div></div>
(ii) Maths	<div><div>1</div></div>	<div><div>2</div></div>
(iii) Other (please describe)	<div><div>1</div></div>	<div><div>2</div></div>

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B6. a) How many children in your class have problems of health, behaviour, speech, vision, hearing or development which you consider affects their everyday life in school?

 children

b) How many children in your class are receiving the following:

	No. of children
(i) Remedial reading help	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
(ii) Remedial mathematics help	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
(iii) Formal help with behavioural difficulties	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
(iv) Music lessons during class time	<div><div></div><div></div></div>

B7. Approximately how many hours a week does the class spend on the following?  
(If none, write 00.00)

	hours	mins
a) Literacy/English	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
b) Numeracy/Maths	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
c) Science	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
d) ICT/Computing	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
e) History	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
f) Geography	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
g) Design & technology	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
h) Art	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
i) PE/games/dance	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
j) Music	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
k) RE	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
l) Personal and social education	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

B8. How confident are you about teaching the following to this class:

	Very	Fairly	Not
a) Numeracy	<input type="text"/> 1	<input type="text"/> 2	<input type="text"/> 3
b) Literacy	<input type="text"/> 1	<input type="text"/> 2	<input type="text"/> 3
c) Science	<input type="text"/> 1	<input type="text"/> 2	<input type="text"/> 3

B9. In the past year, has there been any class discussion/teaching on:

	Yes	No	Don't know
a) Cigarette smoking	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>9</div>
b) Sex education	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>9</div>
c) Drug/solvent abuse	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>9</div>
d) Healthy diet	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>9</div>
e) Exercise	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>9</div>

B10. a) How often is homework given in term time?

not at all	<div>1</div>	———— <b>Go to B11 on page 9</b>
occasionally (less than once a week)	<div>2</div>	
once a week	<div>3</div>	
2-4 times a week	<div>4</div>	
every day	<div>5</div>	

b) Which members of your class are given homework?

only the most able	<div>1</div>
only the least able	<div>2</div>
all are given homework	<div>3</div>
no homework is given	<div>4</div>



B10. c) Is the homework:

confined to reading and study tasks

part reading/study and part assignments  
due for teacher checking

confined to assignments due for  
teacher checking

d) On average, how long do you expect pupils in your class to spend on a typical piece of homework?

up to 10 minutes  11-20 minutes  21-30 minutes

31-40 minutes  more than  
40 minutes

e) What do you do if pupils do not do their homework? (Tick all that apply)

- (i) Ask them to do it another time
- (ii) Use sanctions or punishments
- (iii) Other (please describe)  .....
- (iv) Do nothing

f) What contribution do you think homework makes to pupils' learning?

large contribution  small contribution  no contribution

B11. Are the children in your class given homework or projects to do during half term and/or school holidays?

Yes  No

B12. Which forms of assessment do you use?

	Yes always	Yes sometimes	No
a) Standardised tests (excluding SATS)	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>
b) Marking written work	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>
c) Pupil self-assessment	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>
d) Listening to children's reading	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>
e) Question and answer in class	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>
f) Discussion/review with individual children	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>

B13. Which of the following incentives are used for children in your class in relation to academic work?

	Yes	Not used
a) Direct praise:		
(i) Verbal	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>
(ii) Written (include 'gold stars' etc.)	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>
b) Naming of children:		
(i) Within the class	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>
(ii) In school assembly	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>
c) Awarding of free time	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>
d) Encouragement of competition:		
(i) Individual attainment	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>
(ii) Group attainment (e.g. 'houses' within a class)	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>

B13. e) Is children's work displayed on walls: (tick one only)

equally for all children	<input type="checkbox"/>
mainly high quality work	<input type="checkbox"/>
mainly on basis of high effort by child	<input type="checkbox"/>
work not displayed	<input type="checkbox"/>

f) Do you use other incentives?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If **yes**, please specify .....

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B14. What main published schemes of work (if any) do you use for teaching maths?

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B15. How important is the responsibility you feel you have for each of the following educational objectives?

	Essential objective	Major but not essential	Fairly important	Minor importance	Not important
a) To develop basic skills and build up knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) To foster the child's moral and social development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) To develop the child's full potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) To equip the child with skills & attitudes which will enable her/him to take a place effectively in society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	<b>Essential objective</b>	<b>Major but not essential</b>	<b>Fairly important</b>	<b>Minor importance</b>	<b>Not important</b>
<b>B15.</b>					
e) That the child should be an individual/developing in his or her own way	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
f) That the child should be obedient to parents, teachers and all reasonable authority	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
g) That the child should be happy and well-balanced	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
h) To develop the child's capacity to think	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
i) To fit the child for an occupational role in society	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
j) That the child should acquire respect for his/her own and other people's property	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
k) That children should learn to work co-operatively	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
l) That attainment targets should be achieved for as many children as possible	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
m) That the child is capable of hard work and effort	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
n) That the child should produce neat and presentable work	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
o) That the child should enjoy school	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
p) That an interest in learning is aroused	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
q) That children should be able to organise their work	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>

	<b>Essential objective</b>	<b>Major but not essential</b>	<b>Fairly important</b>	<b>Minor importance</b>	<b>Not important</b>
B15.					
r) To develop the child's self-confidence	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
s) That children should be kind and considerate to others	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>
t) That the child should speak clearly and fluently	1 <input type="text"/>	2 <input type="text"/>	3 <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="text"/>	5 <input type="text"/>

## **SECTION C: THE TEACHING STAFF**

C1. How many of the following paid teaching staff work with your class? (Do not include teachers who do individual tuition for music or special needs)

	<b>No. of male</b>	<b>No. of female</b>
a) Full-time teachers (including yourself)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
b) Part-time teachers (including yourself)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
c) Paid classroom assistants (not teachers)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

C2. Add together the proportions of time (a half-day per week = 0.1; full-time = 1) worked in your class by all paid staff mentioned above, **including yourself**. This will give the 'full-time-equivalent' staff total for your class. State the answer in the boxes at a) below.

*Example 1:*

*1 full-time teacher (e.g. you) = 1*

*1 part-time paid classroom assistant working 3 half-days per week = 0.3*

*i.e. For this scenario the total full-time-equivalent = 1 • 3*

*Example 2:*

*1 part-time teacher (e.g. you) working 3 days or 6 half-days per week = 0.6*

*1 part-time teacher working 2 days or 4 half-days per week = 0.4*

*1 part-time classroom assistant working 5 half-days per week = 0.5*

*i.e. Total full-time-equivalent for the class = 1 • 5*

a) The full-time-equivalent staff total for your class is:  •

b) How many unpaid adult assistants help with your class?

	<b>No. of male</b>	<b>No. of female</b>
(i) parents	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(ii) volunteers	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

C3. How many sessions in the last 3 months has temporary staff cover been used?

never	<input type="text" value="1"/>
1-10 sessions	<input type="text" value="2"/>
11-20 sessions	<input type="text" value="3"/>
21-30 sessions	<input type="text" value="4"/>
31 or more sessions	<input type="text" value="5"/>

C4. a) How long have you been a teacher at this school?

< 1 year	<input type="text" value="1"/>
1-2 years	<input type="text" value="2"/>
3-9 years	<input type="text" value="3"/>
10 or more years	<input type="text" value="4"/>

b) Are you:

Male	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Female	<input type="text" value="2"/>
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c) How long have you taught altogether?

< 1 year	<input type="text" value="1"/>
1-2 years	<input type="text" value="2"/>
3-9 years	<input type="text" value="3"/>
10 or more years	<input type="text" value="4"/>

d) Please give the year in which you qualified for teaching  
(If none, write NONE and go to D1).

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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e) Please list your teaching qualifications.

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## **SECTION D: STRESSES AND STRAINS**

Often teachers nowadays are under considerable stress. The following questions will enable us to assess your well-being, and have been used in many studies.

**Please indicate the way you feel.**

	<b>Very Often</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Not very often</b>	<b>Never</b>
D1. Do you feel upset for no obvious reason?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D2. Do you get troubled by dizziness or shortness of breath?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D3. Have you felt as though you might faint?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D4. Do you feel sick or have indigestion?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D5. Do you feel that life is too much effort?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D6. Do you feel uneasy and restless?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D7. Do you feel tingling or prickling sensations in your body, arms or legs?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D8. Do you regret much of your past behaviour?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D9. Do you sometimes feel panicky?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D10. Do you find that you have little or no appetite?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D11. Do you wake unusually early in the morning even when you haven't been woken by any children you may have?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>



	<b>Very Often</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Not very often</b>	<b>Never</b>
D12. Do you worry a lot?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D13. Do you feel tired or exhausted?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D14. Do you experience long periods of sadness?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D15. Do you feel strung-up inside?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D16. Can you go to sleep all right?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D17. Do you ever have the feeling you are going to pieces?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D18. Do you often have excessive sweating or fluttering of the heart?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D19. Do you find yourself needing to cry?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D20. Do you have bad dreams which upset you when you wake up?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D21. Do you lose the ability to feel sympathy for others?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D22. Can you think as quickly as you used to?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
D23. Do you have to make a special effort to face up to a crisis or difficulty?	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>

## **SECTION E: YOUR OPINION OF YOURSELF**

Below are some statements. Please say how true they are of you.

	<b>Almost always true</b>	<b>Often true</b>	<b>Sometimes true</b>	<b>Seldom true</b>	<b>Never true</b>
E1. I feel that I am a person of worth, at least equal to others	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
E2. I feel I have a number of good qualities	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
E3. I am able to do things as well as most other people	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
E4. I feel I do not have much to be proud of	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
E5. I take a positive attitude towards myself	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
E6. Sometimes I think I am no good at all	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
E7. I am a useful person to have around	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
E8. I feel I cannot do anything right	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
E9. When I do a job I do it well	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>

	<b>Almost always true</b>	<b>Often true</b>	<b>Sometimes true</b>	<b>Seldom true</b>	<b>Never true</b>
E10. I feel that my life is not very useful	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
E11. I am unlucky	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>

### **SECTION F: YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS TEACHING**

	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Mildly agree</b>	<b>Can't say</b>	<b>Mildly disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
F1. I really enjoy teaching	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
F2. I would prefer to get out of teaching	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
F3. I like the challenge of making children understand	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
F4. I really enjoy teaching numeracy skills	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
F5. Changes in the curriculum are an exciting challenge	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>
F6. Being a teacher is really worthwhile	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>

**SECTION G:**

G1. This questionnaire was completed by:

- a) The class teacher 

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- b) Other 

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(please describe)

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G2. Date of completion of this questionnaire

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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP**

Space for any comments you might like to make. Remember for confidentiality reasons we will not be able to reply to these.

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