

MAYOR OF LONDON

Headteacher
London Schools

Date: 1 December 2025

Dear Headteacher,

I would like to thank you and your staff for the commitment, support, and leadership you continue to show to young people in London.

As part of my current Police and Crime Plan, I, as Mayor of London, have committed to protecting children from violence and criminal exploitation. In the 12 months to August 2025, violent crime with injury is down in every single London borough.

In addition, my London Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) has a key strategic objective to ensure that London is a city where children and young adults feel safe and are safe. This is alongside its prevention work, which has delivered over 450,000 positive opportunities and activities to divert young people away from violence and exploitation.

I am determined to ensure that the voices of young people are heard and reflected in the work we do. To help achieve this, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) is launching our new **Youth Survey 2025/6** across London, and I am asking for your support.

What are we aiming to do?

The survey aims to gather the views of young people aged 11 to 16 (school year groups 7 to 11) in relation to a wide range of crime and safety issues.

Survey responses will be used to drive important improvements in the way that the police and other criminal justice agencies work with and deliver services to young people. The survey will give young people the chance to shape policies and campaigns we develop and to inform local policing priorities and youth engagement strategies.

We ask for your support...

I would be very grateful for your assistance in helping us to hear from as many young Londoners at your school as possible, to enable us to make real differences to the lives of young people. The survey is hosted online and will be open between 1 December 2025 and 23 January 2026. A link to the survey is included below, which can be copied and pasted into a web browser:

<https://www.londonvoice.org.uk/whatdoYOUTHink>

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Also attached is a PDF version of the survey for you to view the questions in advance. Further information about the survey can be found overleaf.

I would appreciate your support and that of the teachers at your school so that students can complete the survey online.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small number '2' written below the name.

Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

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Frequently Asked Questions

What topics are covered?



The survey is being run by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and is open to young people aged 11 to 16 going to school in London.

It covers a range of topics on policing and safety, including:

- Personal safety
- Crime victimisation
- Perceptions of the police
- Serious youth violence
- Online activity and safeguarding

Throughout the survey, there are links to relevant support agencies as a safeguarding measure for any young people that have concerns around the topics raised.

How can I facilitate completion?



There are a number of ways you could facilitate completion of the survey by students in your school, including:

1. Allowing time in suitable lessons (such as IT or Citizenship) for pupils to complete it.
2. Setting the survey as homework – the survey can be completed on a smartphone, tablet or computer.
3. Encouraging participation through school communications.

The survey should take around 20 minutes to complete, and participation is entirely voluntary. All responses will be anonymous, confidential, and will not be attributable to any individual or school.

Please ensure that your school's local policies for consent are followed before taking part.

How is this survey used?



The previous wave of this survey was conducted in 2021 and received nearly 12,000 responses from young people in London.

The results from the 2021 survey were used extensively by MOPAC, the Metropolitan Police Service and other agencies, helping to inform strategies and approaches aimed at keeping young people in the capital safe.

This year we are aspiring to hear from even more young people and hope that you will help facilitate their voices being heard.

Can I see the results of the survey?



Yes, we would be happy to provide you with summary slides upon completion of the study to allow you to share and discuss the results with young people at your school.

If you would like to receive this slide pack, please email evidenceandinsight@mopac.london.gov.uk with the subject 'Youth Survey Slide Pack Request'.

What if I have questions about the research?



If you have any questions regarding the Youth Survey 2025/26, please contact evidenceandinsight@mopac.london.gov.uk.

Results from the previous wave of MOPAC's Youth Survey can be found [here](#).
Thank you very much for your support in this important piece of work.