

**MORI Schools Survey 2003**  
**Department for International Development**  
**TOPLINE RESULTS**

- 2,494 interviews were conducted among school children aged 11-16 in England and Wales
- Self-completion questionnaires were completed in 119 classroom sessions between 15 January and 12 March 2003
- Results from the 2000 survey are taken from 2,767 interviews conducted among school children aged 11-16 in England and Wales. Self-completion questionnaires were completed in 115 classroom sessions between 17 January and 29 February 2000.
- Results from the 2001 survey are taken from 2,970 interviews conducted among school children aged 11-16 in England and Wales. Self-completion questionnaires were completed in 126 classroom sessions between 15 January and 15 March 2001.
- Data have been weighted by gender, age, and region.
- An asterisk (\*) represents a value of less than half a per cent, but not zero.
- Where results do not sum to 100%, this may be due to multiple responses, computer rounding, or the exclusion of 'don't know/not stated' response categories.

<b>ABOUT YOURSELF</b>
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First of all we would like to ask some questions about you. Please remember that your answers are confidential.

**QA How old are you?**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2003</b>
Base: All	(2,767)	(2,970)	(2,494)
		%	%
11	19	19	19
12	19	19	19
13	18	19	19
14	18	19	19
15	18	18	17
16	7	6	7

**QB Are you male or female?**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2003</b>
Base: All	(2,767)	(2,970)	(2,494)
	%	%	%
I am a boy/male	51	50	51
I am a girl/female	49	49	49
Not stated	0	1	0

**QC Which of the following best describes you?**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2003</b>
Base: All	(2,767)	(2,970)	(2,494)
	%	%	%
White	82	88	88
British Black	2	2	2
Black Caribbean	1	1	1
Black African	2	1	1
Black Other	1	1	*
British Asian	4	2	3
Indian	2	1	1
Pakistani	2	1	*
Bangladeshi	1	*	*
Chinese	1	*	*
East African Asian	*	0	*
Other	2	2	2
Not stated	1	1	*

**QD Who lives in your home?**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2003</b>
Base: All	(2,767)	(2,970)	(2,494)
	%	%	%
My mother/stepmother	94	95	94
My father/stepfather	82	80	80
My brother(s)	59	59	57
My sister(s)	55	54	55
Somebody else	9	7	8
Not stated	*	1	*

**QE What does your mother/stepmother do?**

Base: All who live with their mother/stepmother (2,351)

	%
Works full-time	40
Works part-time	35
Is unemployed	4
Looks after house/family	39
Other	12
Don't know	1
Not stated	*

**QF What does your father/stepfather do?**

Base: All who live with their  
father/stepfather (2,016)

	%
Works full-time	78
Works part-time	10
Is unemployed	4
Looks after house/family	13
Other	12
Don't know	1
Not stated	*

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**QG What year are you now in at school?**

	%
Year 7	27
Year 8	21
Year 9	17
Year 10	20
Year 11	15

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<b>SECTION B</b>
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**This following questions are about developing countries. In particular we are talking about countries in Africa, as well as parts of Asia and Central/Latin America, that are much poorer than our country.**

**QB1 Which of the following, if any, best describes how much you know about developing countries?**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2003</b>
Base: All	(2,767)	(2,970)	(2,494)
	%	%	%
I don't know anything about them	14	19	12
I know something about them	69	61	78
I know a lot about them	10	12	10
Don't know	7	0	0
Not stated	1	8	1

**QB2 In many of these countries there are people who do not have enough to eat, cannot go to school to learn to read and write, or cannot always get basic healthcare. Which of the following, if any, best describes how you feel about this?**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2003</b>
Base: All	(2,767)	(2,970)	(2,494)
	%	%	%
I am very concerned about it	32	24	30
I am fairly concerned about it	37	32	39
I am aware of it but I don't have strong feelings about it one way or another	21	20	22
I am not very concerned about it	2	3	3
I am not at all concerned about it	2	3	2
Don't know	5	9	4
Not stated	1	8	1

**QB3 Thinking about poverty, which means 'being poor', how much would you say that poverty in developing countries affects people in the United Kingdom? Would you say it affects people in the United Kingdom quite a lot, a little bit, or not at all?**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2003</b>
Base: All	(2,767)	(2,970)	(2,494)
	%	%	%
Quite a lot	18	16	18
A little bit	59	48	60
Not at all	11	11	8
Don't know	11	16	13
Not stated	1	8	1

QB4 The world's governments want to reduce poverty around the world (that is, people being poor, and living on 65p or less a day). By the year 2015 (in 12 years' time), they want to:

- 1) Reduce the number of people who are very poor by half.
- 2) Have every child in every country going to a primary school.
- 3) Improve basic healthcare for everybody.

Thinking about all of these together, how likely, if at all, would you say the world's governments are to reach these goals?

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2003</b>
Base: All	(2,767)	(2,970)	(2,494)
	%	%	%
Certain to	5	4	4
Very likely to	10	11	14
Fairly likely to	38	30	36
Not very likely to	31	24	28
Not at all likely to	6	5	5
Certain not to	3	4	2
Don't know	6	15	8
Not stated	1	8	1

QB5 Governments and other organisations try to help developing countries to reduce poverty in a number of ways. Which, if any, of the following do you think are most important?

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2003</b>
Base: All	(2,767)	(2,970)	(2,494)
	%	%	%
Providing financial assistance (for example, more loans and/or grants)	25	24	23
Cancelling poor countries' debts – that is, the money that poor countries owe to rich countries	57	43	47
Providing training and expertise, for example doctors, nurses, or engineers	58	49	67
Helping developing countries to sell more goods to richer countries	32	27	29
Working to prevent war and conflict	54	41	53
Other	2	3	3
None of these	1	2	*
Don't know	10	14	6
Not stated	3	10	1

QB6 Do you think that you personally or your family can do anything to help people in poorer countries, or not?

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2003</b>
Base: All	(2,767)	(2,970)	(2,494)
	%	%	%
Yes	58	41	51
No	18	21	19
Don't know	21	28	28
Not stated	3	10	2

**QB7 How do you think you can help people in poorer countries, if at all?**

	<b>2000</b> (2,767) %	<b>2001</b> (2,970) %	<b>2003</b> (2,494) %
Base: All			
Buying goods for which a fair price has been paid to producers from poor countries (such as Oxfam or Body Shop goods or Fair Trade goods)	56	45	47
Writing to an MP or local Councillor asking for a better deal for poor countries	21	18	19
Joining a charity such as Oxfam or Action Aid	36	37	43
Giving money to charity	71	64	73
Raising money for charity through a sponsored event	57	55	65
Raising money for a charity in some other way	48	47	47
Writing an article for a school or local newspaper	22	19	17
Taking part in a demonstration about conditions in poor countries	25	23	23
Going on holiday to a poorer country	16	15	12
Other	2	3	3
I don't think we can help people in poorer countries	5	3	2
Don't know	9	13	4
Not stated	3	9	1

QB8 How do you find out what is happening in developing countries?

QB9 Would you like to know more about what is happening in developing countries? If so, how?

Base: All	2000 (2,767)		2001 (2,970)		2003 (2,494)	
	QE8 %	QE9 %	QE8 %	QE9 %	QE8 %	QE9 %
TV News	83	35	69	23	93	57
Children's TV programmes (e.g. <i>Newsround, Blue Peter</i> )	57	30	46	17	49	35
Other TV or radio programmes	48	29	38	18	49	36
Books	22	26	17	13	15	20
Newspapers or magazines	70	31	54	18	72	44
School lessons	47	36	41	19	53	41
Other school activities	11	23	9	13	8	17
Films at the cinema	18	19	15	12	14	15
Church or other religious activities	21	14	15	8	19	15
Foreign travel / holidays	14	16	10	9	11	13
Charities	50	23	39	14	40	27
My family or friends	31	18	20	9	38	20
Internet	30	31	23	16	40	34
Other	1	2	1	2	1	2
I don't know/I don't want to find out any more	2	17	7	18	*	12
Not stated	4	13	12	39	*	2

**And now one more question about developing countries, that is, countries that are poor.**

**QB10 Looking at the list below, in which of these ways, if any, do you think that high levels of poverty in developing countries can affect us in the United Kingdom? By developing countries we mean countries that are poorer than our own.**

	<b>2000</b> (2,767)	<b>2001</b> (2,970)	<b>2003</b> (2,494)
Base: All	%	%	%
By damaging the earth's environment	30	22	25
By affecting jobs in the United Kingdom and the UK economy	26	20	28
By the UK helping developing countries that are involved in conflict or war	N/A	28	40
By increasing the risk of diseases spreading to the United Kingdom	35	25	32
By making foreign travel and foreign holidays more dangerous	32	15	18
By encouraging people in the United Kingdom to send money and other aid to overseas charities	N/A	26	31
By increasing the number of people from developing countries who want to come to the UK	N/A	27	36
Other	2	1	1
None of these	6	4	2
Don't know	22	26	18
Not stated	0	12	2