



Dear Parent or Guardian

2023 Victorian Child Health and Wellbeing Survey

We are writing to ask for your help with some important research into the health and wellbeing of Victorian children up to and including 12 years of age. This research is known as the Victorian Child Health and Wellbeing Study. Ensuring that all Victorian children are given the best start in life is a key priority of the Victorian Government. To do this effectively it is crucial to have access to timely information to enable productive and effective investment in services and initiatives for young children.

The Victorian Department of Education is conducting the Victorian Child Health and Wellbeing Survey to collect valuable information about the health and wellbeing of children living in Victoria. To assist in this research Victorian households have been randomly selected and invited to participate in a telephone interview.

A representative from the Social Research Centre may telephone you in the following weeks to invite you to answer a number of health-related questions about your child's and family's health, including your own general and mental health. You do not have to answer any question if you feel uncomfortable doing so. The interview will take approximately twenty minutes and arrangements can be made for your participation at a convenient time.

The information collected in this study will be used by the Department of Education and other government planners to improve the delivery and quality of services and initiatives for children living in your local area. Some findings from the survey will be published online, including in the annual State of Victoria's Children reports (an outcomes-focused analysis on how Victorian Children and Young People are faring). Your participation is entirely voluntary. However, in order for us to collect accurate information, it is important that as many families as possible participate in this study.

Please be assured that all information is treated in strict confidence. Your personal details will be deleted at the end of the interview and will not be passed onto any other agency. The information you provide will be used for planning purposes only.

If you have any queries about the study, or if you do not wish to be contacted by telephone, please call the study information line on 1800 023 040.

Thank you for your assistance, which will be extremely useful and help plan for the better delivery of services and initiatives for children and families in your local area.

Yours sincerely

Department of Education