

## Rights Respecting Anniversary questionnaire results

98 questionnaires were returned

Q	Answers			
1. How old were you in 1989?	Various answers Not born-54			
2. Where did you live during your childhood?	<b>Chester le street</b> Basildon Kent, Birmingham Cumbria West Rainton Sussex Houghton-le-Spring Hartlepool Northern Ireland Manchester Aston Dover	Gateshead Birtley Langley Park Durham Sheffield Glasgow Fife Transylvania China Wallsend Jarrow North Shields Netherlands	Wardley Reading Zimbabwe Derby Plymouth Hastings Washington Sacriston Wirral Low Fell Great Lumley Hebburn	Penshaw Consett Hexham Carlisle Chopwell Germany Lincoln Murton Liverpool Sunderland South Africa Westerhope
3. What was a typical day like for you when you were a child?	<b>Playing out</b> Playing with siblings School/School dinners Playing on bikes Reading Lego Eating with the family Dance class/music lessons Cycling TV Going to the park Look after animals on the farm		Collecting vegetables Walked to school on own age 5 Paper round Picking up shrapnel from bombs Brownies Swimming Stories Bath time Ice skating Cinema Roller skating Gymnastics	

	fishing	Visits to the coast
4. When you were a child, what things were important to you to have a good childhood?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family</li> <li>Love/happiness</li> <li>Time outside</li> <li>Playing</li> <li>Food and drink</li> <li>Safe environment</li> <li>Visiting family</li> <li>Freedom</li> <li>Football</li> <li>Making parents proud</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have fun</li> <li>Pets</li> <li>TV (only on 4 channels)</li> <li>Toys</li> <li>Holidays</li> <li>Newcastle United winning</li> <li>Pocket money</li> <li>Sports</li> <li>Good weather</li> </ul>
5. Can you think of something you worried about when you were a child?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bombs under cars</li> <li>Northern Ireland - troubles</li> <li>Friendships</li> <li>Moving schools</li> <li>Not being in time for tea</li> <li>Dad going to war</li> <li>Being bullied/not fitting in/friendship issues</li> <li>Ethiopia- famine</li> <li>Nuclear bombs</li> <li>Dying/death of a parent</li> <li>Getting wrong</li> <li>Stranger danger</li> <li>Parents arguing</li> <li>Getting on the bus alone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bad dreams</li> <li>Creaky pipes</li> <li>Local murder</li> <li>Being unwell</li> <li>Being bombed</li> <li>Getting lost</li> <li>School work/Homework</li> <li>Ballet exams and competitions</li> <li>Worried war would spread (Vietnam)</li> <li>Sports day</li> <li>Rationing</li> <li>Reading in public</li> <li>School dinners</li> <li>Whether Sunderland would win</li> </ul>
6. How did you get to school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Walked (some alone from an early age)</b></li> <li>Bus (some 2 buses)</li> <li>Drove in a car</li> <li>Cycled</li> </ul>	

<p>7. What was a normal day of school like in your childhood?</p>	<p>Morning prayers/hymns/mass  Reading/story time  Painting  Writing  Desks that lifted up and you kept books inside/ink wells  Class work, playtime  PE outside  Blackboard  Home for lunch  Dancing  Pottery  Volley ball</p>	<p>Outside toilets  Friends  Finished at 4:30pm  Teachers more strict  Three Rs  Assembly  Free milk (little glass bottle)  Library  Silence during lessons  Happy memories  Woodwork  Didn't wear a uniform  No homework</p>
<p>8. How many years of school did you complete?</p>	<p>12 years (up to age 16)  Up to 6<sup>th</sup> form/Year 13  University  Post graduate</p>	
<p>9. What was different about your school experience compared with school today?</p>	<p>Less pressure/testing  Less homework  Less experiences  Freedom to play  Children took responsibility for own actions  Very little technology  Whipped with leather strap/board rubber thrown at you/cane  Less health and safety - could play British Bulldog  No uniform  Lunch at home</p>	<p>Big school trips  Outside toilets  Lots of copying from the board  No breakfast or after school clubs  More discipline  Sang rhymes every morning  More trusting  Children more independent  British Army School  Boys and girls separate  No fun clubs  Lots of fun projects</p>

<p>10. What was access to information like when you were a child?</p>	<p>Books (e.g. encylopaedia, atlas)  TV  Library or mobile library  Radio  Computer at school  Newspapers/magazines  Someone older  Yellow pages  Museum  Teachers</p>	
<p>11. How did your family keep track of the news when you were a child?</p>	<p>Newspapers  TV (six o clock news/nine o clock news BBC)  Radio  Letters  Teletext/Ceefax  John Craven's Newsround  Word of mouth</p>	
<p>12. Are there any major news events that you remember from your childhood? Where were you and how did you learn about them?</p> <p>TV  News  Newspapers  Radio  Parents told them</p>	<p>Queen's wedding  Death of George VI  Hillsborough  Berlin wall falling  Terry Waite being released  9/11  Zimbabwe gaining independence  Hungerford  Falkland's War  Queen's jubilee (street party)  Margaret Thatcher  Nelson Mandela  Local murder  Dunblane Shooting  Lockerbie  Decimalisation  Vietnam war  Poland beating England in the world cup  War being declared (radio)</p>	<p>Chernobyl  Dutch football team wining European Championship  Charles and Diana's wedding (street party)  Pope John Paul II coming to home town  Live Aid/Ethiopian famine  Death of Princess Diana  Gulf war  Miners' Strike  Death of Elvis Presley  Moon landings  Joining the 'Common Market' (European union)  Bradford Football ground fire  Tony Blair becoming PM  Jamie Bulger  End of WW2  Derbyshire shipping disaster  Aberfan School disaster  Maradona's hand ball  Great Storm of 1987</p>

	<p>Israeli athletes killed at Olympics  Challenger space shuttle exploding  JFK being shot  Manchester United Air crash  Batley's caught fire  Zeebrugge ferry</p>	<p>IRA bombings  Princess Anne's wedding  Prince Harry being born  1966 World Cup Final  Walt Disney died</p>
<p>13. How did you keep in touch with your friends as a child?</p>	<p>Telephone (Land line only)  Letters  Visiting their house/seeing if they were 'playing out'  Made arrangements to meet after schools whilst at school</p>	
<p>14. Can you describe a time when you fell ill as a child?</p> <p>Doctor would visit  Trip to A&amp;E  Hospital stays (some up to 2 months)</p>	<p>Chicken pox  German Measles  Tonsillitis  Having teeth removed  Accidents/broken limbs/run over by a car  Scarlet Fever  Pneumonia  Whooping cough</p>	<p>Mumps  Appendicitis  Yellow Jaundice  Diabetic  Cold/flu/stomach ache/ear ache  Gastro enteritis  Allergic reaction  Kidney infection</p>
<p>15. How is access to medical care different now than it was 30 years ago?</p>	<p>Doctors used to come to your house  You could keep the same doctor each time (family doctor)  Hospitals seemed less busy then  No online services then  Appointments were quicker then  Didn't have to pay for prescriptions then  More private healthcare now  School nurse used to check for head lice then  Walk in centres and a variety of help now</p>	<p>No Calpol then  Always a male doctor then  Medicine tasted better then  More immunisations now  More electronic equipment now  Penicillin cured everything then  A&amp;E was only for a major accident - only ever went to doctors  Used to go to doctors and wait your turn - no appointments</p>
<p>16. When you were a child, did you know about child rights?</p>	<p><b>89/98 (90%) said NO</b>  Other answers ranged from some knowing about rights and others unsure  Those who knew about children's rights tended not to be from England</p>	

<p>17. How much were children encouraged to share their opinions with adults when you were a child?</p>	<p><b>Not at all 72% - children should be seen and not heard</b>          Some 7%          Yes 21%</p>	
<p>18. What did you do for play as a child?</p> <p><b>100% mentioned that they often played outside</b></p>	<p><b>Outside</b>          Made perfume from flower petals          Block 1,2,3          Mr Wolf          Tag          Bikes          Rope swings          Tennis          Netball          Yoyos          Marbles          Hide and seek          Roller          Boots          Football          Park          Skipping          Hoola hoops          British bulldog          Kerby          Board games          Pogo stick          2 baller          Dens          Sindy/Barbie/Tressy dolls</p>	<p>Soldiers          Prams          Cricket          Handstands          Craft          Shops          Clackers          Rugby          Imaginary games          Jigsaws          Reading          Sega Megadrive          Scooter          Hopscotch          Playing with mud          Mams and dads          Kick the can          Card games          Role playing games          Lego          Fishing          Snooker          Elastics          Knitting/sewing</p>

19. How old were you when you got your first job?	Age 11-21		
20. What job was it? 21.	Baby sitting Waitress/waiter Newspaper round Administration/office junior Apprentice engineer Shoe shop Deli Counter at WM Low Fuel station cashier Call center Sales assistant BHS, Accesorize, Argos Clerical work Washing cars Delivering food/work in a takeaway Picking vegetables /fruit Curry's/Woolworths Poundstretcher (£1.99 an hour) Machinist	Video shop Steaming clothes Human resources Pub/bar Apprentice welder Factory work Bank Carrick's bakery Punch card operator Checkout assistant McDonald's Dobbies Steel technician Golf caddie (11) Filing clerk Care home Teacher	Nursery nurse Nissan Apprenticeship South Shields fair ground Washing dishes Post Office Clerk Butchers Catering Civil service Dental nurse Au pair Seamstress Junior accountant Apprentice moulder Purchase ledger Collected coupons Florist