

**Child and Young Person Survey - NZDS**

(Letter to children, young people, families, and educators)

Dear children, young people, parents, family, whānau, and educators,

It is important to Whaikaha that we learn what people think about the draft New Zealand Disability Strategy.

We particularly want to listen to children and young people whose voices are often missing.

Thank you to the adults who help make these voices visible. It is important we know what children and young people think.

Here are the ways you can support young people to complete this survey.

1. Print or save this Word document.
2. Write on, or use a computer, to circle the questions or add any comments.
3. Send the completed survey to [disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz](mailto:disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz)
4. You can post your survey in an envelope without a stamp to;

Whaikaha Ministry of Disabled People

Reply No. 262204

PO Box 155

Wellington

Reply Paid (Freepost).

1. You don’t need to answer every question.
2. You can stop any time you want.
3. There are boxes under each question if you want to write anything else.
4. What you say is very important and will be used to help make New Zealand a better place for disabled children and young people.
5. What you say is anonymous. That means no one will know who filled in this survey.
6. What you say will become part of a big report. The report will be on the Whaikaha website for you to look at.
7. Thank you so much for taking the time to help complete the survey, so we can know your very important thinking.

Any questions please contact disabilitystrategy@whaikaha.govt.nz

The survey closes on 28 September 2025.

Ngā mihi nui

New Zealand Disability Strategy Refresh Team

**Hey young people- what you think matters.**

* Whaikaha is writing a new plan. It is called ‘The New Zealand Disability Strategy’. It is about how to make New Zealand a better place for all disabled people.
* Here are some ideas from the plan.
* We want to know what you think is important.
* We hope you might share your thinking in this survey.
* It is your choice to do the survey or not.

How this works

* Here are some ideas.
* You decide how important the ideas are.
* You can put a mark on or draw a circle around the face that matches the idea.
* You can get someone to help you to read the ideas and draw the circles.
* There are two red ideas to show you – they are just to look at.

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|  | Idea | Not that important | A bit important | Very  important |
| **Example** | Grown-ups listening to me is  Adult Asking: Over 7,285 Royalty-Free Licensable Stock Illustrations &  Drawings | Shutterstock Listening Ear Clip Art Free PNG Image｜Illustoon | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| **Example** | Eating peanut butter every day is  Eat PECS Card Peanut Butter Clipart Vectors - Download Free High-Quality Vectors from  Freepik | Freepik | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |

**The Survey**

Here are the ideas. Circle or mark the face that you think matches the idea.

There is a box under each question if you want to write something.

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| Idea | Not that important | A bit important | Very important |
| Doing well at school is  School Building Flat Design, School Clipart, School, Vector PNG and Vector  with Transparent Background for Free Download | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Having friends at school is  School Building Flat Design, School Clipart, School, Vector PNG and Vector  with Transparent Background for Free Download | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Learning with my friends at school is  Across the Board: School Building Flat Design, School Clipart, School, Vector PNG and Vector  with Transparent Background for Free Download | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Making choices about what I do at school is  School Building Flat Design, School Clipart, School, Vector PNG and Vector  with Transparent Background for Free Download | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Teachers knowing how to help me learn is | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Being happy at school is  I you want not like more it go stop School Building Flat Design, School Clipart, School, Vector PNG and Vector  with Transparent Background for Free Download | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Teachers listening to me is | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Getting the help to learn when I need it is  Help Card - Singular PECS Card along with 'Wait' and 'Break' Hourglass Vector, Time Symbol, Sand Timer Transparent | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Getting a good job when I leave school is  Job Icon, Employment Symbol, Career ... | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Learning more after I leave school is  Training - Free people icons | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Earning money when I leave school is  Hand with cash and credit card payment concepts | Premium Vector | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Choosing where I live when I leave school is  Choice House Icon, Best Variant Home ... | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Choosing who I live with when I leave school is | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |
| Doctors explaining things to me is  Going to the Doctor - Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics - Golisano  Childrens Hospital - University of Rochester Medical Center | No mouth - Free smileys icons | beamer - Something between \frownie and \smiley - TeX - LaTeX Stack Exchange |  |

Thank you very much. We are happy you shared your thinking.