

Stand Up for Us 2013: Equality Data

The Stand Up for Us survey has been running since 2011 and aims to monitor the prevalence and nature of bullying behaviour in primary and secondary schools in the City of York. In 2013, the survey was developed further to explore in more detail, aspects of physical health and emotional wellbeing. In 2013, 1,559 Year 8 and 2,540 Year 4,5 and 6 pupils completed the surveys.

As part of the surveys, pupils were asked, if they had been a victim of bullying, why did they feel they had been bullied in school, table 1 shows secondary and primary school pupil responses to this question, items in bold represent items related to equality and vulnerable groups. As this table shows:

- Secondary school pupils' reports of being bullied *because of the colour of my skin* increased in 2013. However, primary pupils' reports of being bullied for this reason decreased fractionally.
- Secondary school pupils and primary school pupils' reports of being bullied *because I am a traveller* increased fractionally in 2013.
- Secondary school pupils' reports of being bullied *because I have special educational needs* and *because I have a disability* increased in 2013.
- Primary school pupils' reports of being bullied *because I have a special educational need or disability* decreased fractionally in 2013.

Table 1: Reasons why victims of bullying felt they had been bullied in the previous month

	Year 8 Survey			Primary Survey	
	2013	2012	2011	2013	2012
Don't know	135 (8.7%)	131 (11.0%)	251 (10.4%)	420 (16.5%)	398 (15.5%)
Because of my weight height or body size	159 (10.2%)	84 (7.1%)	195 (8.0%)	124 (4.9%)	141 (5.5%)
Because of my appearance (clothes/ dress)	110 (7.1%)	67 (5.6%)	132 (5.4%)		
Because of the colour of my skin	39 (2.5%)	6 (0.5%)	44 (1.8%)	28 (1.1%)	38 (1.5%)
Because of my religion	34 (2.2%)	17 (1.4%)	42 (1.7%)	38 (1.5%)	32 (1.3%)
Because I am a traveller	22 (1.4%)	4 (0.3%)	25 (1.0%)	17 (0.7%)	15 (0.6%)
Because I am called 'gay' or 'lesbian'	67 (4.3%)	33 (2.8%)	84 (3.5%)		
Because my school work is good	75 (4.8%)	66 (5.6%)	98 (4.0%)	76 (3%)	91 (3.6%)
Because my school work is not so good	39 (2.5%)	16 (1.3%)	34 (1.4%)	60 (2.4%)	80 (3.1%)
Because I have special needs or a disability				28 (1.1%)	33 (1.3%)
Because I have special needs	28 (1.8%)	6 (0.5%)	42 (1.7%)		
Because I have a disability	30 (1.9%)	8 (0.7%)	35 (1.4%)		
Because of who I'm friends with	112 (7.2%)	72 (6.1%)	137 (5.7%)	134 (5.3%)	167 (6.5%)
Because I bullied someone else	24 (1.5%)	19 (1.6%)	33 (1.4%)	12 (0.5%)	
Because I'm good at sports	32 (2.1%)	34 (2.9%)	74 (3.1%)	52 (2%)	45 (1.8%)
Because I'm not so good at sports	60 (2.1%)	20 (1.7%)	40 (1.7%)	67 (2.6%)	104 (4.1%)
Because of my possessions	41 (2.6%)	18 (1.5%)	46 (1.9%)	46 (1.8%)	40 (1.6%)
Because of the brand of clothes I wear	55 (3.5%)	17 (1.4%)	51 (2.1%)	45 (1.8%)	59 (2.3%)
Because people don't like my family	49 (3.1%)	72 (6.1%)	160 (6.6%)	44 (1.7%)	54 (2.1%)
Other	101 (6.5%)	131 (11.0%)	251 (10.4%)	166 (6.5%)	141 (5.5%)