

# Impact of Covid-19 on Children's Language, Educational and Socio- emotional Skills

## September 2023 - Newsletter

Hope you all had a restful summer break! We are now starting the third and final year of the ICICLES project. In this newsletter we will share with you a few updates and the next steps of the project. Thank you all for your continued support!

### What has happened since the last newsletter?

- At the end of the last academic year we asked participating schools to complete a language assessment and a socioemotional questionnaire with all participating children.
- We received a total of 548 socioemotional questionnaires and 621 language assessments.
- We have looked into all questionnaires and assessments and you can find our preliminary findings on the next page.



## Language assessment

- From May to July 2023 schools completed 621 Language Screens with all participating children.
- The Language Screen is a standardised measure that focuses on four specific areas: expressive and receptive vocabulary, listening comprehension and sentence repetition.
- Our preliminary findings show that the language skills of most children are in the expected range. These results are similar to the ones from the first two testing points.



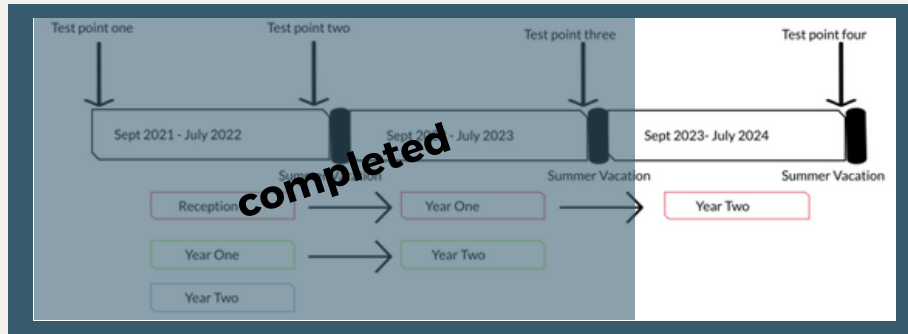
## Socioemotional questionnaire

- From May to July 2023 schools completed 548 Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires with all participating children.
- The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire is a brief behavioural screening questionnaire used to assess socio-emotional well-being.
- Our preliminary findings show that the majority of children in both year groups are scoring in the expected range for children their age.
- These findings are similar to the ones from the first two testing points.



## Next steps

So far we have completed three out of four testing points. You can see below a timeline of the project.



## What is going to happen this academic year?

- In Spring 2024 we will ask parents/carers to complete an online questionnaire. We will contact parents/carers in Spring 2024 with more information regarding how to complete the questionnaire.
- In Spring 2024, we will ask all participating schools to complete an online school questionnaire.
- In Summer 2024 we will ask all participating schools to repeat the language and socioemotional.



Thank you for your support with the project!

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