



Information for guardians regarding a survey about schooling from home for pupils in grades 5 to 10

Since the schools closed on March 13, 2020, Centre for Studies of Educational Practice (SePU) at Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences (Høgskolen i Innlandet) is collaborating with the Inland county governor and Oppvekstforum (an agency for coordination of the education sector) to carry out a survey about pupils' experiences of schooling from home. This survey is only available for schools in the project *Culture for Learning (Kultur for læring)*, which includes all schools in former Hedmark County.

The purpose of the survey

The purpose of this survey is to get more knowledge about how the pupils have experienced schooling from home. This knowledge will be applied in the schools' own evaluation of the schooling from home period. Such an evaluation will be valuable both for possible new periods of schooling from home as well as for further development of the schools' use of digital tools in teaching. Furthermore, the survey will provide valuable knowledge for local and national school authorities.

The information that each pupil now possesses about the experience of schooling from home is unique and will disappear quickly. It is therefore important to gather information as soon as possible after May 11, when the schools re-open. For more information, please watch [this short video](#) (in Norwegian) with Professor Thomas Nordahl.

Who is responsible for the survey?

Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences, specifically SePU, is responsible for and carries out the survey.

What does participation entail?

19 out of the 22 municipalities in *Culture for Learning* wish to carry out the survey. All pupils in grades 5 to 10 from all schools in these municipalities will be invited to participate in the survey. The topics covered in the questions include:

- Self-motivation
- How I experience schooling from home
- Support from teachers
- Feedback from teachers
- Task achievement
- School work at home
- Doing assignments at home

In addition we will ask pupils in lower secondary to tick for which grade they received on their grade card around Christmas in the subjects Norwegian, English and Mathematics.

The pupils will complete the digital questionnaire at home. The survey will be carried out from May 11 to May 20. This is very soon and the time frame is very short, but it is important that the pupils answer the questions as soon as possible after schooling from home.



On Monday, May 11, all guardians for pupils in grades 5 to 10 will receive a hyperlink for the questionnaire. The same day, or in advance, guardians will also receive this letter of information. The school will send a reminder to all guardians on Monday, May 18.

The results will be made available for each school in a digital results portal (password protected) starting Monday, May 25. Schools will be able to see the results for the school as a whole, each grade and each class. It will also be possible to compare how girls and boys have experienced the schooling from home situation. Please note: Only results with seven or more students in each group will be shown. In cases with fewer pupils, the results will not be made available in order to ensure anonymity.

Consent

If you wish for your child to participate in this survey, we ask you to share the link to the questionnaire with your child, so that the child may respond to the questionnaire. Feel free to forward the link to the child using text message, email or in other ways, or ask the school to send the link directly to your child. If you do not want your child to participate, please do not share the link with your child.

Use and protection of data

Conexus Ltd. is the data manager for this survey. In this survey, great emphasis has been placed on securely storing the results in accordance with the law on protection of privacy. This entails:

- Participation in the survey is voluntary
- There will be no consequences for you as guardian or for your children if you do not agree to participate in this survey
- Information from the questionnaire will not be traceable to individuals

SePU is not aware of any other surveys on home schooling in Norway where the students have had the chance to respond. Therefore, *Culture for Learning* has a unique opportunity to contribute with knowledge in this area.

Best regards,

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