

Norfolk Flourish Survey 2024 – Risk-taking behaviours: Infographic text description

Risk-taking behaviours

Statements average across Year 10 to Year 13 pupils (pupils aged 14 to 18) unless stated otherwise

- All the following behaviours are associated with each other:
 - Reporting placing a bet online at least once
 - Reporting smoking at least once
 - Reporting vaping at least once
 - Reporting drinking alcohol at least once a month
 - Reporting having had sex at least once
 - Reporting consumption of cannabis at least once
 - Reporting consumption of a drug other than cannabis at least once
- The strongest associations are between:
 - Reporting smoking at least once and reporting vaping at least once
 - Reporting consuming cannabis at least once and reporting vaping at least once
 - Reporting smoking at least once and reporting consuming cannabis at least once
- The weakest associations are between:
 - Reporting placing a bet online at least once and all the other behaviours considered
- Among Year 10 pupils...
 - A majority report never smoking, vaping, taking cannabis or taking another drug
 - Around two-thirds report never smoking, never having sex, never taking drugs and drinking alcohol less than once a month
- Apart from placing a bet online at least once, older pupils are more likely to report the behaviours considered
- In each year group vaping at least once is the most frequently reported behaviour

School absences

Statements average across Year 4 to Year 13 pupils (pupils aged 8 to 18) unless stated otherwise

- Just under 1 in 10 think regularly attending school is not important

- Around another 1 in 8 do not know whether regularly attending school is important
- Among Year 6, Year 8, Year 10 and Year 12/13 pupils...
 - The proportion thinking attending school regularly is not important rose between 2017 and 2024
- The most common reported reasons for missing school at some point in the 12 months prior to the survey are medical related
- Almost 1 in 5 report missing school at some point in the 12 months prior to the survey for day trips or holidays in term time
- Almost 1 in 6 report missing school at some point in the 12 months prior to the survey due to worries about school and/or bullying
- Among pupils who identify as young carers, identify as having SEND, report receiving free school meals and/or report low mental wellbeing...
 - Just over 1 in 4 report missing school at some point in the 12 months prior to the survey due to worries about school and/or bullying