

# sexuality & homophobia school audit for students

> how is your school doing?

Many schools are not very supportive places for students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or simply unsure about their sexuality.

Every student has a right to feel safe at school, and to get support when they need it. This questionnaire has been designed to find out from students how supportive their own school is for students who are attracted to people of the same sex. By filling it in, you'll be helping your school to make decisions about the best ways to ensure that they provide a safe environment for all students.

Research shows that approximately 10% of all students of secondary school age experience feelings of same sex attraction.

Write down the number of students that would be in your school \_\_\_\_\_

1> Do all students know that discrimination against other students and staff is not tolerated at this school?

*Everyone knows*      *Most Students Know*      *Some Students Know*      *No-one Knows*

                                                                

2> Do you think lesbian, gay and bisexual students would feel safe at this school?

*Always*                      *Often*                      *Sometimes*                      *Rarely*                      *Never*

                                                                                      

3> Do you think this school is supportive of these students?

*Always*                      *Often*                      *Sometimes*                      *Rarely*                      *Never*

                                                                                      

4> Are there materials (such as posters, fliers and books) that show lesbian, gay and bisexual people in a positive way, displayed at this school?

*Always*                      *Often*                      *Sometimes*                      *Rarely*                      *Never*

                                                                                      

5> Does this material ever get torn down or have graffiti written on it?

*Always*                      *Often*                      *Sometimes*                      *Rarely*                      *Never*

                                                                                      

6> Do your class lessons include positive examples of lesbians, gay men and bisexual people?

*Always*                      *Often*                      *Sometimes*                      *Rarely*                      *Never*

                                                                                      

7> If you wanted information on sexuality and sexual diversity, would you know where to find this at school?

*Yes*                      *No*

                    

8> How often do you hear homophobic language at your school (e.g. 'faggot', 'lezzo', 'that's so gay')?

*Always*                      *Often*                      *Sometimes*                      *Rarely*                      *Never*

9> How often do you see homophobic bullying at your school?

*Always*

*Often*

*Sometimes*

*Rarely*

*Never*

10> Do your teachers stand up against homophobia and actively discourage it in your school?

*Always*

*Often*

*Sometimes*

*Rarely*

*Never*

11> Do students stand up against homophobia and actively discourage it in your school?

*Always*

*Often*

*Sometimes*

*Rarely*

*Never*

12> Do you think students would feel comfortable attending school events with same sex partners?

*Always*

*Often*

*Sometimes*

*Rarely*

*Never*

13> Are there teachers or staff members in this school who you would feel comfortable talking to about personal things?

*Always*

*Often*

*Sometimes*

*Rarely*

*Never*

14> If you spoke to a teacher or staff member about being attracted to the same sex, would you feel confident that this would not be shared with other people?

*Always*

*Often*

*Sometimes*

*Rarely*

*Never*

15> Do you know if your school has policies around bullying and discrimination that specifically include sexuality and homophobia?

*Yes*

*No*

16> If you wanted to know what policies your school has around bullying and discrimination, would you know where to find these?

*Yes*

*No*

