

# Gynae Cancer

1. In your opinion, who should be primarily responsibility for informing children about biological / anatomical body knowledge? (Please select one option).

Choice	%
I am primarily responsible	64.90% 649
Their school is primarily responsible	17.00% 170
Our family GP	7.50% 75
A school nurse	0.80% 8
Extra-curricular clubs (Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts etc.) are primarily responsible	0.20% 2
N/A - I don't know/no one in particular	8.60% 86
Other	1.00% 10

2. In your opinion, who should be primarily responsibility for educating children about potential symptoms of serious diseases such as cancer? (Please select one option).

Choice	%
I am primarily responsible	56.40% 564
Their school is primarily responsible	16.40% 164
Our family GP	9.10% 91
A school nurse	3.30% 33
Extra-curricular clubs (Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts etc.) are primarily responsible	0.50% 5
N/A - I don't know/no one in particular	13.30% 133
Other	1.00% 10

**3. If your child has ever asked you questions about their bodies and biology / anatomy, what was the nature of your response? (Please select best match).**

Choice	%
I answered their question honestly	46.10% 461
I answered their question but softened some of the details	30.10% 301
I felt uncomfortable	4.50% 45
I avoided the question	4.70% 47
I didn't know how to respond	2.30% 23
None of the above	1.70% 17
They have never asked me	4.60% 46
Prefer not to say	0.40% 4
N/A / I can't remember	5.40% 54
Other	0.20% 2

**4. If your child has ever or would ever ask(ed) you questions about cancer, what was or what would be the nature of your response? (Please select best match).**

Choice	%
I would answer their question honestly	51.40% 514
I would answer their question but soften some of the details	29.40% 294
I would feel uncomfortable	7.60% 76
I would avoid the question	4.10% 41
I wouldn't know how to respond	1.40% 14
Prefer not to say	0.40% 4
N/A / I can't remember/I don't know	5.50% 55
Other	0.20% 2

5. Do you feel knowledgeable about the symptoms of gynaecological cancers? (Cancers that affect biological functions in girls and women - e.g. the vagina, the womb etc).

Choice	%
Yes, very	10.40% 104
Yes, somewhat	55.40% 554
No, not at all	32.10% 321
Prefer not to say	2.10% 21

6. Do you think that your child has (at least) a basic knowledge of the symptoms of gynaecological cancers? (Cancers that affect biological functions in girls and women - e.g. the vagina, the womb etc).

Choice	%
Yes	24.80% 248
No	40.30% 403
I don't know	33.10% 331
Prefer not to say	1.80% 18

7. How old do you feel your child needs to be before you can have an honest discussion with them about the symptoms of cancer? (Please select best match).

Choice	%
3	0.70% 7
4	1.20% 12
5	2.50% 25
6	2.10% 21
7	3.30% 33
8	8.10% 81
9	3.50% 35
10	13.40% 134
11	7.00% 70
12	12.20% 122
13	11.40% 114
14	7.20% 72
15	4.60% 46
16	2.60% 26
17+	2.90% 29
N/A - I don't know/never	16.30% 163
Prefer not to say	1.00% 10
Average	11.1

8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? 'Discussing issues relating to cancer and its symptoms with my child would make me feel uncomfortable.'

Choice	%
Strongly agree	5.30% 53
Somewhat agree	26.30% 263
Neither agree nor disagree	29.40% 294
Somewhat disagree	18.60% 186
Strongly disagree	19.60% 196
Prefer not to say	0.80% 8

9. Do you think pupils would benefit from learning about the symptoms of cancer as part of their school curriculum?

Choice	%
Yes	69.30% 693
No	13.90% 139
I don't know	16.80% 168

10. Are there any areas of the body that you would feel uncomfortable with your child learning about?

Choice	%
Yes	10.80% 108
No	71.90% 719
Don't know	15.10% 151
Prefer not to say	2.20% 22

11. Which areas of body knowledge would you feel uncomfortable with your child learning about? (Please tick all that apply).

Choice	%
Gynae health - i.e. unexpected vaginal bleeding	54.63% 59
Sexual health	64.81% 70
Organs	23.15% 25
Genetics	17.59% 19
Evolution	12.04% 13
Diseases and illnesses	11.11% 12
N/A - I don't know/nowhere in particular	7.41% 8
Prefer not to say	2.78% 3
Other	0.93% 1

12. Which of the following statements do you agree with?  
(Please select one option).

Choice	%
Boys and girls should be taught about body issues together so they can learn about	63.50% 635
Boys and girls should be taught separately in gender-split classes	28.30% 283
None of the above	8.20% 82

13. Why do you feel boys and girls should be taught about body issues separately? (Tick all that apply).

Choice	%
The lessons should be focused on the issues relating to each gender	51.94% 147
It is inappropriate for boys to learn about issues which only affect girls, and vice	31.80% 90
N/A - I don't know/ no reason in particular	7.07% 20
Other	18.73% 53

14. Which of the issues below do you think should be taught in a PHSE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) lesson? (Tick all that apply).

Choice	%
Periods	75.00% 750
Menopause	43.60% 436
Gynae health / Gynae cancers	59.60% 596
Cancer signs and symptoms	61.20% 612
Fertility issues	44.50% 445
Parts of the body	68.00% 680
Accessing reproductive health services	51.50% 515
Relationships guidance	56.70% 567
Sexually transmitted diseases	67.00% 670
Puberty	69.50% 695
Pregnancy	62.50% 625
Birth control	63.80% 638
Abortion	41.20% 412
Prefer not to say	1.30% 13
N/A - none of the above/I don't know	7.50% 75

15. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? 'It is important for my child to learn about illnesses and diseases which may affect them in the future.'

Choice	%
Strongly agree	40.70% 407
Somewhat agree	42.00% 420
Neither agree nor disagree	15.50% 155
Somewhat disagree	1.60% 16
Strongly disagree	0.20% 2

16. Which, if any, of the diseases and illnesses below would you feel uncomfortable your child learning about? (Tick all that apply).

Choice	%
Gynae cancer - Womb, Ovarian, Cervical, Vulval, Vaginal etc.	9.00% 90
Breast cancer	10.80% 108
Colon cancer	7.20% 72
Lynch syndrome	6.10% 61
Infertility	4.70% 47
Ovarian cysts	5.60% 56
Endometriosis	4.90% 49
Uterine fibroids	3.50% 35
HPV (human papilloma virus)	4.20% 42
Urinary incontinence	3.30% 33
None - I am comfortable with my child learning about these diseases and illnesses	59.50% 595
Prefer not to say	1.80% 18
N/A / I don't know	17.10% 171

17. Do you think boys should be taught about gynae health issues, which can affect women's reproductive health, and illnesses which only affect girls?

Choice	%
Yes	60.20% 602
No	15.10% 151
Don't know	24.70% 247

**18. Why do you think boys should be taught about gynae diseases and illnesses which only affect girls? (Tick all that apply).**

Choice	%
It is useful for them to know for possible future partner and friends	83.06% 500
It will make them more empathetic and understanding	66.94% 403
It will help to break down any stigma or misunderstanding surrounding these issues	61.79% 372
It is good for them to be knowledgeable about gynae issues, even if it doesn't affect	56.15% 338
N/A - I don't know/nothing in particular	0.83% 5
Other	0.66% 4

**19. Why don't you think boys should be taught about gynae diseases and illnesses which only affect girls? (Tick all that apply).**

Choice	%
It doesn't affect them so they don't need to know about it	37.09% 56
I feel uncomfortable with them learning about these issues	32.45% 49
I think my child would feel uncomfortable learning about these issues	35.10% 53
Prefer not to say	4.64% 7
N/A - I don't know/nothing in particular	13.25% 20
Other	3.97% 6

**20. If your child required more information about cancer, do you think they would know where to go to get the right information?**

Choice	%
Yes	49.00% 490
No	21.20% 212
I don't know	29.80% 298

21. Thinking back to when you were younger, who would you be most likely to turn to when/if you had a question concerning cancer? (Please select one option).

Choice	%
My mum	32.60% 326
My dad	5.90% 59
My grandparents	4.40% 44
My friends	7.60% 76
A specific teacher	4.50% 45
A doctor	5.30% 53
An adult at an external club or group I attended	0.80% 8
I didn't have anyone I felt comfortable discussing these issues with	10.60% 106
N/A - I don't remember/I didn't have any questions/no one in particular	26.30% 263
Prefer not to say	1.50% 15
Other	0.50% 5

22. Who do you think your child would be most likely to turn to if they had a question about their bodies? (Please select one option).

Choice	%
They would come to me	49.80% 498
They would come to my partner	16.60% 166
Their grandparents	3.50% 35
Their friends	5.90% 59
A specific teacher	4.20% 42
A doctor	1.60% 16
Use an internet search engine	7.20% 72
An adult at an external club or group I attended	0% 0
They wouldn't talk to anyone about these issues	0.40% 4
I don't know	3.30% 33
N/A - I don't know/no one in particular	6.00% 60
Prefer not to say	1.40% 14
Other	0.10% 1



23. Do you think body awareness should be taught as its own separate class, or as part of a related subject at school?

Choice	%
As its own separate class	15.80% 158
As part of a related subject - e.g. sexual health and reproductive health	65.50% 655
I don't think it should be taught at all	5.30% 53
Prefer not to say	1.60% 16
I don't know	11.80% 118

24. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? 'The subject of anatomical/biological body awareness was a taboo subject to discuss in my household when I was growing up.'

Choice	%
Strongly agree	19.00% 190
Somewhat agree	35.20% 352
Neither agree nor disagree	26.90% 269
Somewhat disagree	10.30% 103
Strongly disagree	7.30% 73
Prefer not to say	1.30% 13

25. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? 'The subject of anatomical/biological body awareness is a taboo subject to discuss in my household currently.'

Choice	%
Strongly agree	6.30% 63
Somewhat agree	15.90% 159
Neither agree nor disagree	20.30% 203
Somewhat disagree	16.50% 165
Strongly disagree	40.30% 403
Prefer not to say	0.70% 7

26. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? 'The subject of anatomical/biological body awareness was a taboo subject to discuss at school when I was growing up.'

Choice	%
Strongly agree	14.10% 141
Somewhat agree	36.40% 364
Neither agree nor disagree	32.90% 329
Somewhat disagree	10.90% 109
Strongly disagree	4.80% 48
Prefer not to say	0.90% 9

27. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? 'Children should be encouraged to talk about issues such as possible signs and symptoms of cancer'

Choice	%
Strongly agree	36.60% 366
Somewhat agree	39.90% 399
Neither agree nor disagree	18.80% 188
Somewhat disagree	3.00% 30
Strongly disagree	1.00% 10
Prefer not to say	0.70% 7

28. Why do you think children should be encouraged to talk about issues such as possible signs and symptoms of cancer?' (Tick all that apply).

Choice	%
It is important to break down the stigma surrounding these subjects	75.03% 574
It could be important to their health in the future	78.56% 601
It will help them to build a healthy body image	46.01% 352
N/A - I don't know/no reason in particular	1.83% 14
Other	0.52% 4