

## **GENDER, CHILDREN & SCHOOLS POLL August 2023**

- CLIENT:** Family First New Zealand
- POLL DATES:** Tue 22 to Wed 23 August 2023. The median response was collected on Tue 22 August 2023.
- TARGET POPULATION:** Adult New Zealanders.
- SAMPLE POPULATION:** Adult New Zealanders who are contactable on a landline or mobile phone or online panel.
- SAMPLE SIZE:** 1,000 respondents agreed to participate – 500 via phone and 500 via online panel.
- SAMPLE SELECTION:** A random selection of 10,000 nationwide phone numbers and a random selection from the online panel.
- WEIGHTING:** The results are weighted to reflect the overall adult population in terms of gender, age, and area.
- SAMPLE ERROR:** Based on this sample of 1,000 respondents, the maximum sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/-3.1%, at the 95% confidence level.
- CODE COMPLIANCE:** This poll was conducted in accordance with the Research Association New Zealand Code of Practice and the International Chamber of Commerce/European Society for Opinion and Market Research Code on Market and Social Research.

**Would you support or oppose a law that prohibits primary schools from teaching any sexual issues, such as gender identity or sexual orientation, in the classroom as part of the curriculum in primary schools - that's ages 5 up to 10 or 11.**

		Count	Col %
Prohibit primary schools from teaching any sexual issues	Support	383	38%
	Oppose	409	41%
	Unsure	204	20%
	Total	996	100%

A plurality of 41% oppose a primary school ban on sexual issues, while 38% support it.

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Prohibit primary schools from teaching any sexual issues	Support	35%	42%
	Oppose	41%	41%
	Unsure	24%	17%

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Prohibit primary schools from teaching any sexual issues	Support	34%	38%	46%
	Oppose	40%	42%	41%
	Unsure	26%	20%	13%

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Prohibit primary schools from teaching any sexual issues	Support	38%	34%	44%
	Oppose	41%	44%	36%
	Unsure	20%	22%	20%

		Children under 18	
		Yes	No
		Col %	Col %
Prohibit primary schools from teaching any sexual issues	Support	38%	39%
	Oppose	45%	39%
	Unsure	16%	22%

		2020 PV					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Other	Not vote
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Prohibit primary schools from teaching any sexual issues	Support	49%	31%	32%	38%	46%	42%
	Oppose	35%	48%	38%	45%	40%	31%
	Unsure	16%	21%	30%	17%	14%	27%

**Do you believe that primary age children should be taught that they can choose their "gender" and that it can be changed through hormone treatment and surgery if they want it to be?**

		Count	Col %
Teach primary age children they can choose their gender	Yes	104	10%
	No	758	76%
	Unsure	137	14%
	Total	998	100%

76% of respondents are opposed to teaching primary school children they can choose their gender.

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Teach primary age children they can choose their gender	Yes	11%	10%
	No	71%	81%
	Unsure	18%	9%

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Teach primary age children they can choose their gender	Yes	13%	12%	5%
	No	69%	76%	86%
	Unsure	18%	13%	10%

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Teach primary age children they can choose their gender	Yes	12%	6%	11%
	No	73%	84%	73%
	Unsure	15%	10%	15%

		Children under 18	
		Yes	No
		Col %	Col %
Teach primary age children they can choose their gender	Yes	11%	10%
	No	76%	76%
	Unsure	13%	14%

		2020 PV					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Other	Not vote
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Teach primary age children they can choose their gender	Yes	12%	11%	2%	23%	12%	4%
	No	85%	71%	89%	51%	77%	78%
	Unsure	4%	18%	9%	26%	11%	19%

Some people have proposed banning puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and physical sex-change surgeries for children under the age of 18 who identify as transgender. Would you support or oppose this kind of ban?

		Count	Col %
Ban puberty blockers hormones, and sex-change surgeries for under 18s	Support	536	54%
	Oppose	271	27%
	Unsure	189	19%
	Total	997	100%

54% of respondents oppose sex change treatments for under 18 year olds.

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Ban puberty blockers hormones, and sex-change surgeries for under 18s	Support	47%	62%
	Oppose	31%	23%
	Unsure	22%	15%

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Ban puberty blockers hormones, and sex-change surgeries for under 18s	Support	53%	50%	59%
	Oppose	29%	27%	24%
	Unsure	17%	22%	16%

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Ban puberty blockers hormones, and sex-change surgeries for under 18s	Support	54%	53%	54%
	Oppose	28%	29%	24%
	Unsure	18%	18%	22%

		Children under 18	
		Yes	No
		Col %	Col %
Ban puberty blockers hormones, and sex-change surgeries for under 18s	Support	55%	53%
	Oppose	27%	27%
	Unsure	18%	19%

		2020 PV					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Other	Not vote
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Ban puberty blockers hormones, and sex-change surgeries for under 18s	Support	68%	48%	65%	34%	54%	50%
	Oppose	21%	32%	26%	44%	29%	18%
	Unsure	12%	20%	8%	22%	17%	33%

**Should boys who identify as girls be allowed automatic right of access to girls sports teams such as netball or girls rugby or football (and vice versa)?**

		Count	Col %
Allow boys who identify as girls in girls sports teams	Yes	128	13%
	No	674	68%
	Unsure	193	19%
	Total	994	100%

68% of respondents oppose allowing boys who identify as girls to access girls' sports teams.

		Gender	
		Female	Male
		Col %	Col %
Allow boys who identify as girls in girls sports teams	Yes	14%	12%
	No	65%	71%
	Unsure	22%	17%

		Age		
		18 - 40	41 - 60	61+
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Allow boys who identify as girls in girls sports teams	Yes	15%	13%	10%
	No	61%	69%	75%
	Unsure	24%	18%	15%



		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Allow boys who identify as girls in girls sports teams	Yes	14%	9%	16%
	No	63%	77%	68%
	Unsure	24%	14%	16%

		Children under 18	
		Yes	No
		Col %	Col %
Allow boys who identify as girls in girls sports teams	Yes	18%	10%
	No	59%	72%
	Unsure	23%	18%

		2020 PV					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Other	Not vote
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Allow boys who identify as girls in girls sports teams	Yes	10%	18%	2%	14%	9%	7%
	No	77%	61%	86%	49%	71%	72%
	Unsure	14%	21%	12%	37%	20%	21%

**Should a teacher lose their teaching licence for misgendering a trans student (refusing to use their preferred pronoun or recognise their gender identity)**

		Count	Col %
Should a teacher lose their teaching licence for misgendering a trans student	Yes	161	16%
	No	642	65%
	Unsure	192	19%
	Total	995	100%

Only 16% of respondents think a teacher should lose their teaching licence for misgendering a trans student.

		Gender	
		Female Col %	Male Col %
Should a teacher lose their teaching licence for misgendering a trans student	Yes	18%	14%
	No	62%	68%
	Unsure	21%	18%

		Age		
		18 - 40 Col %	41 - 60 Col %	61+ Col %
Should a teacher lose their teaching licence for misgendering a trans student	Yes	20%	14%	14%
	No	57%	66%	73%
	Unsure	23%	20%	14%

		Area		
		Metro	Provincial	Rural
		Col %	Col %	Col %
Should a teacher lose their teaching licence for misgendering a trans student	Yes	19%	12%	14%
	No	63%	68%	63%
	Unsure	17%	20%	23%

		Children under 18	
		Yes	No
		Col %	Col %
Should a teacher lose their teaching licence for misgendering a trans student	Yes	16%	16%
	No	62%	66%
	Unsure	22%	18%

		2020 PV					
		National	Labour	ACT	Greens	Other	Not vote
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should a teacher lose their teaching licence for misgendering a trans student	Yes	15%	19%	12%	24%	15%	9%
	No	69%	61%	76%	52%	72%	65%
	Unsure	17%	20%	13%	23%	13%	25%

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