



## Which pesticides are used in my School?

- Sick of Pesticides Campaign [www.pesticidescancer.eu](http://www.pesticidescancer.eu)

At least one in every hundred cancers diagnosed each year in Europe may be directly related to pesticide exposure.

The Sick of Pesticides campaign provides information on pesticides and health issues, and gives a voice to those concerned about pesticide health hazards. It aims to put pressure on Governments to set up an ambitious National Action Plan for Pesticide Reduction and to support people and public bodies to rapidly reduce their dependence on pesticides.

**Please survey as many schools as you are able** - filling in a new survey for each school. By doing this you will be helping us to gain a better understanding of pesticide (and biocide) use in schools so we can show governments why action is needed to reduce unnecessary risk.

*This survey was originally developed as part of our UK campaign, to gain an understanding of the pesticide and biocide usage in the UK and lead to our report [Pesticides - a toxic education?](#)*

### Which pesticides are used in the school grounds

1. Does your school have any details of pesticides and biocides used in your school grounds or buildings to control pests and weeds?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

2. If the answer to the above is Yes, can your school tell you what pesticide and weed control formulations are being used in the school? If possible, obtain the names of the pesticides and how frequently and what amounts are used? (Our [Briefing](#) lists some of the pesticides and herbicides used in the UK)

3. Does your school receive any warning or advice when pesticides are used in school, by the council for instance, or nearby by farmers or contractors?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

4. Does your school have any plans to develop a School Integrated Pest Management Policy? (*what is this?* – see note<sup>i</sup>) or to reduce pesticide use in the school?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

5. If possible would you want this school to be pesticide free?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Please provide any other comments or information about what your school is, or is not, doing about pesticide spraying/use?

## What about school meals?

6. Would you be interested in more information on the health impacts of residues found in school lunches tested by the government?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

7. Does your school specify organic ingredients or meals in school lunches and snacks?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If yes do they say why? Please give any details

8. If possible would you want your school to serve organic meals given the risks of pesticide residues?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

9. Are you worried about the health effects of pesticides in schools?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

10. Do you have any personal stories or experience of pest control or pesticide use in the school. We'd really like to hear about it.

**About you and the school (for internal use only)**

Your Name

Phone

email

Address

Town

County

Postcode

Name of **School** being surveyed

**School** Postcode and location

Would you be willing to be contacted further about the survey results?

Yes

No

**Many thanks**

Please return this form to **ADDRESS**

**We will only use the information for this survey and will not give it to any third parties.**

<sup>i</sup> An Integrated Pest management programme is one which minimises the use of any pesticides in schools. see PAN UK briefing for examples <http://www.pan-uk.org/Projects/Local/scholeaf.htm>