Eligible sample at start of secondary school pupils for study in 1996 schools (N) = 25, students (n) = 8430

- No baseline survey
  - N=1 (school 4), n=814
  - Neither n=316
  - n=498 (364)*
  - No follow-up data n=2576

- Baseline survey
  - N=24, n=7616 (90%)
  - n=2260
  - Both n=5356
  - Follow-up data
    - N=25, n=5854 (69.5%)³

Follow-up data of usable quality for statistical analysis⁴

450 pupils never had the opportunity to complete demographic data (see above 316, plus (498 – 364) 134 = 450). Mainly due to withdrawal of one school from baseline. 230 pupils opted not to complete the demographic data. 82 pupils opted not to complete over 75% of the variables required for this analysis.

Thus, 762 pupils were excluded from statistical analysis.

Leaving data from N=24, n=5092 (67% of those participating at baseline)

* Pupils whose demographic data, including social class, were subsequently collected at follow-up.

1 Baseline data was collected from Cohort 1 mid-August to mid-December 1996 and Cohort 2 mid-August to mid-December 1997

2 Follow-up data was collected from Cohort 1 mid-August to mid-December 1998 and Cohort 2 mid-August to mid-December 1999

3 Percentage of those in the original eligible sample.

4 Pupils had been told they could omit specific questions if too sensitive