49 schools in Hackney, Newham and Tower Hamlets

7 schools excluded (2 independent schools, 5 small schools)

42 schools eligible

3 schools refused to take part:
School A: due to over-commitment
School B: due to over-commitment
School C: due to content of questionnaire

30 schools randomly selected

27 schools agreed to take part

28 schools in final sample (two oversampled)

- School A replaced with school of similar SES/ethnicity
- 2 schools oversampled to compensate for loss of school B
- Not possible to replace school C (religious school)

Two mixed-ability classes selected from year 7 (11-12 years) and year 9 (13-14 years) in each school in 2001 (N=2789)

696 pupils lost to follow up

2093 of the same pupils followed up in 2003