How to complete a ‘hands up’ class survey

For every topic that you work on it can be really useful to know that your pupils are making a difference to what happens in school. This guide explains how your pupils can easily survey your whole school.

Step 1: Write your questionnaire. The answers to this should either be yes, no or specific answers. For example; How did you travel to school today? Car/Bus/Train/Walk/Cycle or Scoot

Step 2: Visit each class separately to carry out the survey.

Step 3: Read out the whole question first so everyone knows what the question is and what the options are for their answer.

Step 4: One at a time, read out each answer and ask those with that answer to put their hand up.

Step 5: Count the number of hands up for your first answer and write this down.

Step 6: Repeat step 4 and 5 until you have given all of the options.

Step 7: Add up the total for this question – this should equal the number of pupils in the class.

Step 8: Ask more questions if you have more to ask the class, otherwise thank the class for answering and visit the next class that needs asking.

Important: You should always keep a record of the surveys you have completed as by completing the survey again in the future you can see if the work you have done has made a difference. Your Eco-Schools noticeboard is a great place to display the results from your surveys to inform and involve the rest of your school.