

First National Longitudinal Study of Primary School Children – *Children’s School Lives (CSL)*.

A new longitudinal study commissioned by the NCCA will explore the lived experiences of children in primary schools across Spring 2019 to Spring 2024, providing Ireland’s first nationally representative study of primary schooling. Conducted by UCD School of Education, this study will follow 4000 children as they transition into, through and out of primary school, across a 6 year period. Divided into two age cohorts – those in senior infants and those in their final year of pre-school in 2019, the study will follow the children’s progress exploring issues related to their learning, well-being, engagement, diversities and belonging, as well as the factors that influence this in their homes, their local communities, in their classrooms and in their schools. This is a landmark study both nationally and internationally, providing an in-depth and comprehensive overview of policy and practice in our primary schools, at a time of significant social change. The UCD team will be contacting schools over the coming months inviting participation.

For further information about the study, and to register your interest, please email csl@ucd.ie.