Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire

Instructions: For each item, please mark the box for Not True, Somewhat True or Certainly True. It would help us if you answered all items as best you can even if you are not absolutely certain. Please give your answers on the basis of your child's behaviour **over the last six months.**

Your child's name			Male/Fem	ale/Othe
Date of birth				
	Not True	Somewhat True	t Certainly True	Offic Use
Considerate of other people's feelings				1
Restless, overactive, cannot stay still for long				2
Often complains of headaches, stomach-aches or sickness				3
Shares readily with other children, for example toys, treats, pencils				4
Often loses temper				5
Rather solitary, prefers to play alone				6
Generally well behaved, usually does what adults request				7
Many worries or often seems worried				8
Helpful if someone is hurt, upset or feeling ill				9
Constantly fidgeting or squirming				10
Has at least one good friend				11
Often fights with other children or bullies them				12
Often unhappy, depressed or tearful				13
Generally liked by other children				14
Easily distracted, concentration wanders				15
Nervous or clingy in new situations, easily loses confidence				16
Kind to younger children				17
Often lies or cheats				18
Picked on or bullied by other children				19
Often volunteers to help others (parents, teachers, other children)				20
Thinks things out before acting				21
Steals from home, school or elsewhere				22
Gets along better with adults than with other children				23
Many fears, easily scared				24
Good attention span, sees chores or homework through to the end				25

Do you have any other comments or concerns?

Over the last six months, have your shild's tooch	ners complained of				Office Use
Over the last six months, have your child's teach	iers compiained or:	No	A little	A lot	
Fidgetiness, restlessness or over	activity				36
Poor concentration or being easily distracted					37
Acting without thinking, frequently butting in, or not waiting for his or her turn					38
Overall, do you think that your child has difficulti being able to get along with other people?	es in any of the followin	g areas: emotio	ns, concentration	n, behaviour or	
	No	Yes – minor difficulties	Yes – definite difficulties	Yes – severe difficulties	
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If you have answered "Yes", please answer the	following questions abo	out these difficult	ies:		
 How long have these difficulties been present 	?				
· ·	Less than a month	1-5 months	6-12 months	Over a year	
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 Do the difficulties upset or distress your child? 	,				
,	Not at all	A little	A medium amount	A great deal	
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 Do the difficulties interfere with your child's ev 	eryday life in the followi	ng areas?			
	Not at all	A little	A medium amount	A great deal	
HOME LIFE					29
FRIENDSHIPS					30
CLASSROOM LEARNING					31
LEISURE ACTIVITIES					32
 Do the difficulties put a burden on you or the f 	amily as a whole?				
	Not at all	A little	A medium amount	A great deal	
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Signature	Date_				
Mother/Father/Other (please specify):					

This version of the SDQ has been mandated for Australian Specialised and Primary Mental Health Care settings.

Thank you very much for your help.

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