## **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  |             |                  |                   |              |  |
|--|-------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
| Date of birth  |             |                  |                   | Off:         |  |
|  | Not<br>True | Somewhat<br>True | Certainly<br>True | Offic<br>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 young people, for example CDs, games, food |             |                  |                   | 4            |  |
| Often loses temper   |             |                  |                   | 5            |  |
| Would rather be alone than with other young people                   |             |                  |                   | 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 young people or bullies them                 |             |                  |                   | 12           |  |
| Often unhappy, depressed or tearful                                  |             |                  |                   | 13           |  |
| Generally liked by other young people                                |             |                  |                   | 14           |  |
| Easily distracted, concentration wanders                             |             |                  |                   | 15           |  |
| Nervous in new situations, easily loses confidence                   |             |                  |                   | 16           |  |
| Kind to younger children   |             |                  |                   | 17           |  |
| Often lies or cheats   |             |                  |                   | 18           |  |
| Picked on or bullied by other young people                           |             |                  |                   | 19           |  |
| Often volunteers to help others (parents, teachers, children)        |             |                  |                   | 20           |  |
| Thinks things out before acting                                      |             |                  |                   | 21           |  |
| Steals from home, school or elsewhere                                |             |                  |                   | 22           |  |
| Gets along better with adults than with other young people           |             |                  |                   | 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?

|   |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 | Office<br>Use |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Over the last six months, have your child's teachers  | s complained of:        |                             | No A                              | A little | A lot                           |               |
| Fidgetiness, restlessness or overactivity   |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 | 36            |
| Poor concentration or being easily distracted   | d                       |                             |                                   |          |                                 | 37            |
| Acting without thinking, frequently butting in, or not  | waiting for his or her  | turn                        |                                   |          |                                 | 38            |
| Overall, do you think that your child has difficulties being able to get along with other people? | in any of the followin  | g areas: emotio             | ons, concent                      | tration, | behaviour or                    |               |
| being able to get along with other people:  | No                      | Yes – minor<br>difficulties | Yes –<br>definite<br>difficultion | Э        | Yes –<br>severe<br>difficulties |               |
|   |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 | 26            |
| If you have answered "Yes", please answer the following   | owing questions abo     | ut these difficult          | ties:                             |          |                                 |               |
| How long have these difficulties been present?  | l and there a           |                             |                                   |          |                                 |               |
|   | Less than a month       | 1-5 months                  | 6-12 mor                          | nths     | Over a year                     |               |
|   |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 | 27            |
| Do the difficulties upset or distress your child?   |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 |               |
|   | Not at all              | A little                    | A mediu<br>amoun                  |          | A great deal                    |               |
|   |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 | 28            |
| Do the difficulties interfere with your child's every   | day life in the followi | ng areas?                   |                                   |          |                                 |               |
|   | Not at all              | A little                    | A medit<br>amour                  |          | A great deal                    |               |
| HOME LIFE   |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 | 29            |
| FRIENDSHIPS   |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 | 30            |
| CLASSROOM LEARNING  |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 | 31            |
| LEISURE ACTIVITIES  |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 | 32            |
| Do the difficulties put a burden on you or the fam  | ily as a whole?         |                             |                                   |          |                                 |               |
| ·   | Not at all              | A little                    | A mediu<br>amoun                  |          | A great deal                    |               |
|   |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 | 33            |
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|   |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 |               |
|   |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 |               |
| Signature   | Date_                   |                             |                                   |          |                                 |               |
|   |                         |                             |                                   |          |                                 |               |
| Mother/Father/Other (please specify):   |                         |                             | _                                 |          |                                 |               |

Thank you very much for your help.

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