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Dear parents and carers,

STUDENT VOICE SURVEY

Our school, as well as many others in County Durham, is participating in a survey for children and young people. This survey will inform the development of plans and services across County Durham and is designed to positively impact upon pupils as services can be directed to support where particular issues come to light.

The survey has been designed in conjunction with children and young people and includes questions of a range of topics including:

- Educational wellbeing
- Homework
- Lessons
- Career advice (secondary only)
- Social wellbeing
- Healthy relationships
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Behaviour and safety
- Online safety
- Health and physical wellbeing
- Physical activity
- Healthy eating
- Smoking, alcohol, (drugs – secondary only)
- Community wellbeing
- Hobbies and interests
- Access to community facilities

Each response will be anonymous and confidential, and therefore no pupil will be identified when the data is analysed. Durham County Council's Research and Intelligence team will receive the results and data for use in further analysis at Durham County Council's and school level. DCC and partners will then use this information to plan and target services, especially where improvement is required. Further information is available in Frequently Asked Questions, which can be found with this letter.

I hope you will agree with us that this is an exercise in which we wish to co-operate fully. I will assume you do approve unless I hear otherwise, and I look forward to working with you to support the best school life, health and wellbeing for our pupils.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dawson

Head of School

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Student voice survey 2022

Frequently asked questions for children and young people



What will you ask me?

We will ask you about your school life, health and hobbies but we won't ask you for your name or address.



Why are you asking me this?

We want to know your thoughts and feelings so that we can best support young people like you in County Durham.



How will you use my information?

We will send a report to your school showing anonymous answers and a copy of the overall report for County Durham. We will use your information to direct services to support schools or areas where needed based on any issues that come to light from the results.



How will you collect this information?

We will ask you to fill in a survey online. We also have a paper version if this is easier for you to complete.



Where is this information kept?

Your answers will be kept safely and securely on our computers in Durham County Council.



Who gets to see the information?

Anonymous comments will be shared, and our staff produce a report with percentages such as 50% of pupils say they eat fruit and vegetables each day. No one in your school will see how you have responded as an individual.

If you tell us something that makes us think you are in danger, we will have to tell your school that someone has said it even though we don't know who you are.



What happens next?

Your school will get a link to the survey for you to complete in school time this term. Later, if you want to know the results of the survey you can ask your school or ask us.

