

Dear Parents and Carers

2020 –GROWING UP IN NORTH YORKSHIRE PUPIL SURVEY

Our school, along with the majority of North Yorkshire schools, has agreed to participate in the 2020 Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey for young people. Information gained from individual school and county level analysis of this survey provides knowledge and understanding about the lifestyles and learning of children and young people and influences school, county and locality planning and evaluation of provision. In 2018, over 20,000 pupils in North Yorkshire completed the survey.

The survey data is able to inform the review of provision in schools and school improvement priorities and has been used well, for example, to:-

- Gain feedback from pupils about the ethos and culture of the school
- Learn their opinions about learning, the enjoyment of lessons and the usefulness of key aspects of the curriculum related to wellbeing
- Identify staff training needs
- Provide information to inform review of a range of school policies
- Identify the needs of different groups of pupils and further develop provision to meet those needs
- Inform discussions with parents

The survey that we are using has been commissioned by the North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service and public health from the Schools Health Education Unit, Exeter and has been in use in nearly all North Yorkshire schools, once every two years since 2006.

The questions concern a wide range of perceptions and behaviours related to learning and wellbeing, for example:

- Enjoyment of lessons
- Attitudes and resilience for learning
- Transition
- Relationships
- Emotional health and wellbeing including bullying
- Safety including online safety
- Tobacco
- Alcohol
- Healthy Eating
- Physical activity

The North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service has worked closely with the Schools Health Education Unit to ensure that the content of the questionnaires is appropriate, with bespoke questionnaires for primary, secondary and special schools. Some covid-19 related questions have been added into the questionnaire for this year.

Each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and no pupil will be identified when the data is returned to our school. Individual schools are not identified in any of the county reports.

As in 2018, we would like to collect the home postcode of as many young people as we can. We are doing this to create maps and perform other analysis based on geography; the postcodes will be held separately and securely and your child will not be able to be identified.

I hope you will feel, as we do, that this is a very worthwhile survey which will support the wellbeing of all of our children, but do please let me know if you do not wish your child to take part. The survey is likely to be carried out in November -December, 2020.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Cuddy