

Dear Parents and Carers,

STUDENT VOICE SURVEY

Our school, as well as many others in County Durham, has agreed to participate in a survey of children and young people. This survey will inform the development of plans and services across County Durham and may benefit pupils as services can be directed to support schools / areas where particular issues come to light.

The survey will be designed in conjunction with schools and will include questions on a wide range of key topics including

- Achievement and progress at school
- Safety at school, online and outside of school
- School life
- Health including mental health and diet
- Alcohol and drugs
- Careers advice and guidance (secondary schools only)
- Activities such as culture, sport, gaming

Each response will be submitted online and will be anonymous and confidential, and therefore no pupil will be identified when the data is analysed. The council's Research and Intelligence team will receive the results and data for use in further analysis at council and school level. The council 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 improved school life, health and wellbeing for our pupils.

Yours sincerely



Head Teacher

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