
Kirklees Young People's Survey 2022

Information for parents/guardians

Our school, along with many other schools in Kirklees, has agreed to participate in a very important Health and Wellbeing Survey amongst our students in year 9. We have been asked to support the work of Public Health within the Local Authority to gather important information which will increase our understanding of the needs, behaviours and key issues for young people. This information will help us to provide better and more appropriate services in schools and throughout Kirklees and will help us to review some areas of the curriculum.

Public Health's role is to help people stay healthy and minimise the risk and impact of illness. The main focus of the survey is on factors that influence emotional well-being and physical health. The survey contains questions about:

- Emotional wellbeing and physical health
- Dealing with worries/problems
- Support
- Physical activity
- Behaviours that impact on health (e.g. smoking, alcohol, sexual health)
- The local area

The questionnaire has been developed with the local area in mind and the content of the questionnaire has been shaped by young people and those who work closely with them in Kirklees.

Pupils are asked to complete the questionnaire anonymously and the results are confidential. No pupil will be identified when the data is returned to our school, and the Local Authority will only share grouped results from the survey with relevant partner organisations. Before answering any questions, your child will be asked for their consent to take part. If they choose to opt out, they will be given an alternative activity to do while the rest of the class completes the survey. Pupils completing the survey can choose not to answer any question they do not want to answer.

I hope you will agree that this is an important and worthwhile exercise. If you would like to examine the questionnaire we hold a copy in the school office, and you are welcome to see it by appointment.

As part of the survey please ensure that your child knows their **home postcode**. This will be used only for matching to larger geographical area; your house will not be identified, and this will not be used to send you anything through the post. The survey will be carried out between 05 May and 22 July 2022.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher