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Dear Parents and Carers,

Kirklees Children and Young People's Survey 2014

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 years 7 (Class of 2018) and 9 (Class of 2016). 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, behaviour 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.

A company called the Schools Health Education Unit based in Exeter will be running the survey, and they have over 30 years' experience of running surveys such as this. Over 3000 schools have used similar surveys, many of them regularly repeating the survey.

The main focus of the survey is on well-being, mental health, resilience, physical health and self-care of health conditions. The survey contains questions about:

- Behaviours that impact on health (exercise, food, smoking, tooth brushing)
- Well-being, mental health and resilience
- Physical health/self-care
- School
- Local area
- Bullying

The questionnaire has been developed with the local area in mind and the content of the questionnaire has been tried and tested with young people 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. The Local Authority will receive only the summary of all schools in which individual schools are not identified.

I hope you will agree that this is an exercise in which we wish to take part in. I will assume you do approve, unless I hear otherwise. We hold a copy of the questionnaire in the school office, and if you would like to examine it, you are welcome to do so by appointment.

As part of the survey, it will be helpful if your son/daughter could have/know the following information:

1. their **postcode**
(this will be used only for drawing maps of results in the 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 1st July and 18th July.

Yours sincerely

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