School

School Address

Barnsley

DATE

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you that *INSERT SCHOOL* has chosen to participate in **Let’s Hear Your Voice;** apupil health and lifestyle survey. This is part of the Healthier Futures Barnsley programme.

The survey has been created by Barnsley Council’s Children’s Public Health Team, along with wider partners and children and young people. Pupils in years 4, 6, 8, 10 and post 16 will be invited to take part in the survey, which will be completed online in school. The questions have all been quality assured and both the topics and language are age-appropriate for the intended year groups.

We do not ask any pupil identifiable data and the survey will be **completely anonymous.**

The survey does ask some sensitive questions, but pupils will be supported by school staff. Pupils have the option to skip through any questions they don’t understand, or don’t want to answer, and they can end the survey at any point. Pupils are also able to choose whether they take part in the survey or not – it is not mandatory and we will offer pupils all the information they need to ensure they are able to make an informed choice about their participation.

At the end of the survey there will be the option to request further support from local services, via a form which will not link to their survey answers. There will also be information on how to seek support from key national support services if they wish to.

The aim of Let’s Hear Your Voice is to help us understand the health, wellbeing and lifestyles of children and young people across Barnsley. We hope that the results from the survey can be used by schools and wider services to support young people and make sure they have the best health and education possible throughout school and beyond.

**Consent and the right to withdraw**

* No child will be forced to complete Let’s Hear Your Voice, it is not mandatory, and they may withdraw from the survey at any time.
* No identifiable or sensitive information is being collected to maintain anonymity. This means that parental consent is not required for children to take part.
* Children may choose for themselves whether they take part.

For more information on privacy visit: [https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/privacy](https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/privacy%20)

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact us on: INSERT SCHOOL CONTACT

**How will the data be stored?**

The data will be stored securely by Barnsley Council and will only be shared with relevant professionals. As a school we will have access to some of the data which will help inform curriculum and policy to ensure a positive whole school approach is taken to support our pupils as best we can according to needs.

We hope you understand why we are taking part and will support our participation which aims to support children and young people across Barnsley have healthy and happy futures.

Yours Sincerely,

SCHOOL NAME

and

The Children and Young People’s Public Health Team

Barnsley Council