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Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian

Since 2015, Primary, Secondary and special schools, as well as Post-16 centres have had the opportunity to participate in South Gloucestershire Council's Health and Wellbeing Online Pupil Survey (OPS).

This GDPR-compliant, anonymous, and confidential survey has, to date, been completed by almost 38,000 pupils from year 4 to year 13.

The survey gathers information about the health and wellbeing needs of pupils. It also captures vital information about a range of topics linked to the school experience.

We see significant value in participating in the OPS, particularly in relation to our duty and responsibility to promote and safeguard the health, wellbeing, and welfare of our pupils. The survey data is also of significant value in shaping our whole-school development plan.

Like us, we very much hope you'll be encouraging and supportive of your child's involvement in the survey. Please be assured that the survey does not ask for any personally identifiable information such as name, date-of-birth, contact details etc to be given or recorded.

Apart from a question on your child's year group, the survey does not require or compel them to answer any questions they don't want to answer. They will not have to disclose to anyone which questions they chose to answer, and which they skipped.

Pupils complete the survey within the school day, most commonly in their normal class / year groups. Once submitted these online surveys are saved onto the secure and encrypted database of the Council's survey provider Foster and Brown Research Limited.

If fewer than 5 pupils in a class or year group answer a particular question, this data will be suppressed and therefore not available either to us or the Council. This removes the likelihood of us and / or the Council identifying individual children from their answers.

We will have access to our data, as well as being able to see trend data for South Gloucestershire as a whole. This allows us to make useful comparisons on things like the wellbeing of our pupils, how physically active they are and how happy and safe they feel at school.

The data is designed to report averages and social norms so that we can use the information for the purposes of improving health and wellbeing education, support, and interventions.

We hope this information is helpful. Should you wish to discuss anything further please contact the school

Yours sincerely,

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