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Dear Parents and Carers,

## School Health and Wellbeing Survey 2024

Our school has agreed to participate in an important, county-wide health and wellbeing survey for children and young people. The purpose of the survey is to gather information which will provide the local authority with valuable data to help inform the annual needs assessment for children's services across Northamptonshire.

As a participating school, we will also receive a report that summarises the responses from our own pupils. This unique summary will be extremely useful to help us to:

- identify priority areas for development across our school over the next 2 years
- provide a starting point for discussion in staff, governor, and parent meetings
- provide a starting point for classroom activities and resource allocation
- inform the school community of positive health outcomes for pupils

The survey itself will be carried out during school time and consists of a series of questions that ask children about a wide range of health-related behaviours across different topics. These include:

- Mental health and emotional wellbeing (including bullying)
- Relationships
- Healthy eating
- Physical activity
- Staying Safe
- Online safety
- Smoking, drugs and alcohol (Yr6)

The survey method, developed by the Schools Health Education Unit (SHEU), has been used successfully across the UK for over 40 years. Each questionnaire is completely anonymous and confidential, and no pupil will be identified when the data is returned to school. Data Protection concerns are covered in the Privacy Notice for pupils, which can be found on the reverse of this sheet.

I hope you will agree that this is an important opportunity to collect valuable information about the health-related behaviours of our children. Unless I hear otherwise, I will assume that you do approve of your child's participation, and I look forward to working with you to plan improved health promotion for our school. Should you wish to have a look at the survey questions, a copy of the survey is available for viewing via appointment at the school office.

As part of the survey, it will be helpful if your child could bring their postcode to school on the day/when requested. This information will only be used for drawing maps of the results in the area; your house will not be identified.

Thank you in advance for your support.

*Frances Martin*

**Inclusion Leader**



## Privacy Notice – school surveys



### 1. Who are you?

We are a research unit in South-West England. We have been asked by the school or the Council to help collect information from young people. [www.sheu.org.uk](http://www.sheu.org.uk)

### 2. What will I be asked?

You will be asked about your habits and feelings, and other important things about you.

You will not be asked for your name or address, and please don't tell us!



### 3. Why do you want to know this?

The reports are used to plan lessons and services for young people, and to see what has changed since the last survey.

The school will see if your lessons fit in with what you and other young people tell us. We want to be sure what we are doing is right.

### 4. How will you use my information?

We will send reports to schools and the Council, showing them how many pupils gave different answers. The reports might say things like:

- 30% of pupils in this school had cereal for breakfast, but in the whole County the figure was 40%



### 5. How will you collect this information?

We are going to ask you questions in a questionnaire, on a website or in a printed booklet.



### 6. How do you keep this information?

Your answers will be kept safe on our computers. We keep records for many years, so that we can see how young people's lives are changing.



### 7. Are you allowed to do this? ('legal basis for processing')

The Council is allowed to collect information to help it plan and monitor things it does to support young people's education, health and wellbeing – the sorts of things it has to do ('legal functions' and 'public interest').

SHEU is allowed to use information to produce its reports as long as no-one can tell what answers you gave ('legitimate interests').

### 8. Who gets to see the information?

Only staff from SHEU and from the Council who need to see the information to do their job are allowed to see your answers. They won't show your answers to anyone else. Everyone else sees only percentages. No-one in your school sees your answers.

BUT if you tell us something that makes us think you are in danger, we will have to tell your school that someone has said it, even if we can't find out who you are.



### 9. What's next?



If you agree with all this, please tick the box at the start of the survey. If not, don't take part.

You can leave out any questions you don't want to answer, and you can stop at any time.

Later, if you want to see what we know about you, you can ask, and you can tell us to delete it. But remember, we might not be able to find your answers.