School

School Address

Barnsley

DATE

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you that \*\**INSERT SCHOOL NAME\*\** has chosen to participate in the **Let’s Hear Your Voice survey 2024. This** is apupil health and lifestyle survey, part of the Healthier Futures Barnsley programme.

**Background:**

The Let’s Hear Your Voice survey is a survey which takes place every 2 years; the first survey took place in 2022. The aim of the Let’s Hear Your Voice survey is to help Barnsley Children and Young People’s Public Health Team understand the health, wellbeing and lifestyles of children and young people across the Borough. They cover a variety of health and lifestyle topics, such as: emotional health and wellbeing; food, drink and oral health; physical activity; substance use (including alcohol, smoking and vaping)\*\*; relationships and sexual health\* (\*\*Age Appropriate). If you have any questions around content in the survey, please speak to INSERT SCHOOL CONTACT.

It is hoped 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. Barnsley Council’s Children’s Public Health Team have worked with wider partners and children and young people to create the survey.

**Who can complete the survey?**

Pupils in years 4, 6, 8, 10 and post 16 can complete the survey. The survey is completed online during school time. The questions have all been checked for quality and to suit the ages of the pupils. The survey is ***completely anonymous*** therefore we do not ask for any pupil identifiable data within the survey.

**Consent and right to withdraw**

The ***survey is optional*** and not mandatory to take part, therefore pupils are able to choose in school whether to take part or not. If your child’s teacher feels your child would not understand the nature of the survey, they will not be asked to complete it. The survey asks questions about pupils health, wellbeing and lifestyle, school staff have been provided with a guide to help pupils complete their survey, if required. Pupils can skip any questions they do not wish to answer, choose the ‘prefer not to say’ option and can stop the survey at any time. Pupils will be given the information they need to ensure they are able to make an informed decision about their participation.

If you ***do not*** want your child to take part in the Let’s Hear Your Voice Survey, please **opt out** by notifying your school.

**Do pupils get support around the topics issued in the survey?**

At the end of the survey there will be the option to request further support from local services, such as the 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service. If pupils are worried / need to speak to someone, they can speak to a trusted member of staff / teacher in school. If your child has some additional support at school, your child will be given support to help them to complete this survey if they choose to.

**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.

**How will data be used?**

Schools will receive school-level reports with their unique data around health and wellbeing for their setting. Data from all participating schools will also be pulled into a population-level dashboard to inform health and wellbeing at a population level in Barnsley.

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

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.

Yours Sincerely,

SCHOOL NAME

AND

The Children and Young People’s Public Health Team

Barnsley Council