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Dear Parent/Carer

Health Related Behaviour Survey 2018

Our school, along with all Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Secondary Schools, has agreed to participate in a very important Health Behaviour Survey amongst young people.

The promotion of the health and wellbeing of our children/young people has always been important to us and now it is a statutory responsibility for all schools. OFSTED will ask us to evaluate how well we are doing in this area and will require us to provide evidence of our success when we are inspected.

The information about our students' behaviour, feelings and opinions will be very valuable in helping us to:

1. Identify what we are doing well and where we need to improve
2. Make sure what we are doing and planning meets our students' needs
3. Work better with parents and carers and partners in our community
4. Ensure that students' voices will be heard.

The survey method that we are using has been developed by the Schools Health Education Unit, Exeter and has been in use now for over 30 years. Over 3000 schools nationally have used the survey, many of them regularly repeating it. In our school we will use the survey with our Year 8 and 10 students.

The questions cover a wide range of important issues including: Healthy Eating, Physically Activity and Fitness, Awareness of Drugs and Alcohol, Worries and Anxieties and important issues of concern to young people and adults, like bullying and internet safety. Many schools have used the information gathered from the survey to inform and promote discussion in events and meetings with parents and carers.

Both the Local Authority and the school find the content of the questionnaire acceptable and appropriate for this age group; it has been customised to suit our local setting. Each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and no student will be identified when the data is returned to school. The Local Authority will receive only the summary of all schools in which individual schools are not identified.

I hope you will agree with us that this is an exercise in which we wish to co-operate fully. I will assume you do approve unless I hear otherwise and I look forward to working with you in planning improved health promotion for our students. 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 brings their postcode (only part of this will be used; your house will not be identified). The survey will probably be carried out later this month.

Yours faithfully

Richard Spencer
Principal

