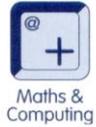


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7 March 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you with regard to a survey Fulford School has agreed to conduct with their pupils. The survey focuses on pupils' lives in school, their friendships; perceptions of safety and experiences of risky behaviour. The survey also includes questions about their general wellbeing; romantic relationships; use of technology and any current problems or worries they may be experiencing.

The survey will be of great benefit to the pupils, giving them the opportunity to voice their current experiences and perceptions, and their feelings of safety in their local community. This information will assist the school to further enhance the schools pastoral and learning environment and will be used by the local authority to ensure young people feel safe and are supported in the wider community.

The study has been approved by the York St John Ethics Committee and adheres to the ethical guidelines specified by the British Psychological Society. Every pupil will be invited to participate in the project and will have the option to refuse to take part. The survey report produced for schools will not contain any identifying information that could potentially lead to the identification of a pupil. The only time individual children will be identified will be if a safeguarding risk is identified. The data will be used to produce a report for the School and local authority. You, or your child, have the right to withdraw from the study at any point by contacting me directly with your child's name and school name.

I am therefore writing to you to seek your permission to allow your child to participate in the survey. Consent is being obtained passively (no action required); therefore, you only need to complete and return the slip if you DO NOT wish your child to participate in the project. If you DO NOT wish your child to participate, the slip must be returned to the school by Friday 14 March. If we have not received your slip by this date we will assume you are happy for your child to take part in the project. We hope you will support the Pupil Wellbeing Survey 2014.

If you have any questions relating to this study, please do not hesitate to contact me, my contact details are provided at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Bodey
Assistant Headteacher

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I have read the letter regarding my child's participation in the research project due to commence at Fulford School and have decided that I do not want my child to be included in this project.

Name of child/children:

Signed: Date: