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## Kirklees Young People's Survey 2026

### Information for parents/carers

Our school, along with most other schools in Kirklees, has agreed to participate in an important Health and Wellbeing Survey for students in year 9. We have been asked to support the work of Kirklees Council Public Health to gather important information which will increase our understanding of the needs, behaviours and key issues for young people. This information will help us to provide better and more appropriate services in schools and throughout Kirklees and will help us to review some content delivered in school.

Public Health's role is to help people stay healthy and minimise the risk and impact of illness. The main focus of the survey is on factors that influence emotional well-being and physical health. The survey contains questions about:

- Emotional wellbeing and physical health
- Dealing with worries/problems, and support they receive
- Physical activity and the local area
- Behaviours that impact on health (e.g., smoking, alcohol, sexual health)

The survey has been developed with the local area in mind and the content has been shaped by young people and those who work closely with them in Kirklees.

Pupils are asked to complete the survey anonymously and all responses are confidential. No pupil will be identified when the data is returned to our school, and the Council will only share grouped results from the survey with relevant partner organisations. Before answering any questions, your child will be asked for their consent to take part. All questions are age appropriate. If they choose to opt out, they will be given an alternative activity to do while the rest of the class completes the survey. Pupils completing the survey can choose not to answer any question they do not want to answer.

I hope you will agree that this is an important and worthwhile exercise. If you would like to examine the survey we can access a copy in the school office after its launch in May, and you are welcome to see it by appointment.

Please ensure your child knows their **home postcode** before completing the survey. This will be used only to match responses to a larger geographical area - your household will not be identified and the information will not be used to send you anything through the post.

The survey will be carried out between Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher/Principal