



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

2024 –GROWING UP IN NORTH YORKSHIRE PUPIL SURVEY

Our school, along with the majority of North Yorkshire schools, has agreed to participate in the 2024 Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey for young people. The survey has been running in North Yorkshire since 2006 and information gained from individual school and county level analysis of this survey provides knowledge and understanding about the well-being, safety and learning of children and young people and influences school, county and locality planning and evaluation of provision. In 2022, over 17,000 children and young people in North Yorkshire completed the survey.

The survey data is able to inform the review of our provision in school and school improvement priorities and to support us to safeguard children. We use the information in a variety of ways, for example, to

- Gain feedback from pupils about the ethos and culture of our school
- Learn pupils' opinions about learning, their enjoyment of lessons and the usefulness of key aspects of the curriculum related to wellbeing
- Help us to develop our curriculum to improve pupils' health and wellbeing
- Have a better understanding of the safeguarding needs of our pupils
- Inform discussions with parents about aspects such as online safety.

The survey that we are using has been commissioned by the North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service, Public Health and North Yorkshire Police and is from the Schools Health Education Unit, Exeter.

The questions cover a wide range of your child's perceptions and behaviours related to learning and wellbeing, for example

- Enjoyment of lessons
- Attitudes and resilience for learning
- Relationships
- Growing up
- Emotional health and wellbeing including bullying
- Safety, including online safety
- Tobacco and vaping
- Alcohol
- Healthy Eating

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- Physical activity
- Drugs (secondary schools only)
- Sexual health (secondary schools only)

We hold a copy of the questionnaire in the school office, and if you would like to read it, you are welcome to do so by appointment.

The North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service has worked closely with the Schools Health Education Unit to ensure that the content of the questionnaires is appropriate, with bespoke questionnaires for primary, secondary and special schools.

Each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and no pupil will be identified when the data is returned to our school. Individual schools are not identified in any of the county reports.

As in 2022, we would like to collect the home postcode of as many young people as we can. We are doing this to create maps and perform other analysis based on geography; the postcodes will be held separately and securely and your child will not be able to be identified.

I hope you will feel, as we do, that this is a very worthwhile survey which will support the wellbeing of all of our pupils, but do please let me know if you do not wish your child to take part. The survey will be carried out in their Religious Studies lesson (Year 10 – week beginning 5th May, Year 8 – week beginning 20th May)

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Gee

Assistant Headteacher