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Dear Parent/Carer,

Safe and Well At School Survey

This term, students in Years 7-11 will participate in the Safe & Well at School Survey. This is an online, anonymous, city-wide survey for children and young people aged between 7 and 18. The survey asks a range of questions about school, health and wellbeing, and about experiences of bullying. The survey is run bi-annually and all secondary schools in Brighton and Hove participate. It was last run in 2018 and was postponed from 202 due to the pandemic.

The survey is run online. It is explained to all students that this is a confidential survey and they cannot be identified by the information that is collected. They are also asked to speak to a member of school staff or other trusted adult if participating in the survey makes them feel worried or concerned. **This survey does not require parental permission to participate, but all children and young people have the right not to participate.** We ask all children and young people at the beginning of the survey to confirm they have had the survey explained to them and are happy to answer the questions. We also remind them that they can stop answering the survey at any point, and their answers are only included if they click the "Finish survey" button at the end. Students can skip questions or can choose not to complete the survey at all.

I would like to bring to your attention two questions in particular which you might want to discuss with your child prior to them completing the survey. One question asks whether the student 'identifies with the gender they were given at birth' and the options for response are 'Yes/No/Not all the time/I don't understand the question'. Another question is phrased 'Some children grow up with the parents they were born to and others grow up in other families. We are asking this question because it is important that children from all kinds of families are having a good experience and are safe at school. Are you adopted?' and the options for response are 'Yes/No'.

We run this survey to help our school further improve our whole school approach to health and wellbeing, anti-bullying and equality. Data from all schools is also collated to provide city-wide information about bullying and health and wellbeing and this is used to improve services and support for children and young people.

Brighton and Hove City Council continues to work in partnership with the School of Psychology at the University of Sussex on this survey. Researchers from the University have lent their expertise to the update of survey questions, and will also be contributing to analysis of the results for research purposes. Schools will not be identifiable to the researchers.

The privacy notice relating to data collection for the survey is available on the Public Health Schools Programme website page, available here: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/privacy-notice-safe-and-well-school-survey-sawss>

This survey study has been ethically reviewed on behalf of Brighton & Hove City Council by University of Sussex's Sciences and Technology Cross-Schools Research Ethics Committee, ER/ROBINB/25, email: crecscitec@sussex.ac.uk. The University of Sussex has insurance in place to cover its legal liabilities in respect of its specific contributions to this study, namely the secondary analysis of anonymous data and reporting of results from that analysis. Please note that the data controller for this work will be Brighton & Hove City Council, with University of Sussex acting as a processor of anonymised data on their behalf.

Students at King's will be completing the survey in their PSHE lessons in the weeks commencing 6th December and 13th December 2021. We will feed back on the survey results in March 2021. If you have any questions about the survey please contact PSHE Leader Ms Weysom via admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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