



Dear Parents and Carers,

BRIGHTER FUTURES SURVEY

Our school, along with several others, has agreed to participate in a very important Health Behaviour Survey amongst young people. We have been asked to support the work of the Local Authority and we stand to benefit substantially through our participation in the survey.

The survey data may prompt a review of the curriculum and may be used in a variety of ways acting as,

- a starting point for discussion in classroom activities
- a guide in the choice of resources
- a prompt for appropriate timing of courses
- a beginning for further enquiry to strengthen existing programmes, e.g. in PE
- a starting point for discussions between parents and schools

The questions within the questionnaire concern a wide range of health themes, for example:

Home and family being, Tobacco, Alcohol, **, Relationships, Emotional Health and Well-Exercise and Sources of support**

Both the Local Authority and the School find the content of the questionnaire acceptable; it has been customised to suit our local setting. The questionnaire findings will help to develop a reliable database, which will support the development of future services for young people.

Each questionnaire is confidential, and no pupil will be identified when the data is returned to our school. The Local Authority will receive only the summary of all schools in which individual schools are not identified. The University of East Anglia will be using results in a tracking survey to evaluate the School Wellbeing Service, but will not be allowed to know any pupil's names and will never report responses of individual pupils. Data Protection concerns are covered in the Privacy Notice for pupils, which can be found on the reverse of this sheet.

I hope that this is an exercise that we can work together on. Unless I hear back from you, I will assume that you approve of participation in the survey. I therefore look forward to working with you and planning improved health promotion for our pupils.

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

It is likely that the survey will be carried out in the next month.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bray

Headteacher





Privacy Notice – Thurrock Brighter Futures survey

1. Who are you?

SHEU is a research unit in South-West England. We are helping the school and the Council to collect information from young people. www.sheu.org.uk

2. What will I be asked?

You will be asked about your habits and feelings, and other important things about you.

You will not be asked for your name or address, and please don't tell us!

You will be asked to give your **Questionnaire ID number** so we can see how people change over time. No-one who sees your answers will be able to put your number and your name together.

3. Why do you want to know this?

The reports are used to plan lessons and services for young people, and to see what has changed since the last survey.

The school will see if your lessons fit in with what you and other young people tell us. They want to be sure what they are doing is right.

4. How will you use my information?

We will send reports to schools and the Council, showing them how many pupils gave different answers. The reports might say things like:

- **80% of pupils in this school did exercise last week, but in the whole County the figure was 70%.**

Information will also be shared with the University of East Anglia (UEA) who are evaluating the School Wellbeing Service. The UEA will produce confidential reports on the service, which will include results from this survey. You can contact them at S.Carr@uea.ac.uk

5. How will you collect this information?

We are going to ask you questions in a questionnaire, on a website or in a printed booklet.

6. How do you keep this information?

Your answers will be kept safe on our computers. We keep records for many years, so that we can see how young people's lives are changing.

7. Are you allowed to do this? ('legal basis for processing')

The Council is allowed to collect information to help it plan and monitor things it does to support young people's education, health and wellbeing – the sorts of things it has to do ('legal functions' and 'public interest').

SHEU and UEA are allowed to use information to produce its reports as long as no-one can tell what answers you gave ('legitimate interests').

8. Who gets to see the information?





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Only those staff from SHEU, UEA and the Council who need to see the information to do their job are allowed to see your answers. They won't show your answers to anyone else. Everyone else sees only percentages. No-one in your school sees your answers.

BUT if you tell us something that makes us think you are in danger, we will have to tell your school that someone has said it, even if we can't find out who you are.

9. What's next?

If you agree with all this, please tick the box at the start of the survey. If not, don't take part.

You can leave out any questions you don't want to answer, and you can stop at any time.

Later, if you want to see what we know about you, you can ask us, and you can tell us to delete it.



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