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Dear Headteacher

### **2018 GROWING UP IN NORTH YORKSHIRE SURVEY - SUMMER TERM 2018**

The North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service (CYPS) has again commissioned a survey of children and young people covering aspects of learning, safety and well-being, to take place in the summer term 2018. The survey will continue to provide key information about the learning, safety and wellbeing of children and young people across Years 2, 6, 8, and 10, identified across the range of social identities. Following a successful trial in 2016. We will also be providing a Year 12 questionnaire for school sixth form students and Sixth Form Colleges (not FE). The outcomes from the survey are used to inform schools self-evaluation and planning as well as the strategic planning of the Children and Young People's Service and Trust Partners.

The majority of North Yorkshire primary and secondary schools, covering over 20,000 children and young people, participated in the 2016 Growing up in North Yorkshire Survey. Information gained from individual school and county level analysis provided knowledge and understanding about the lifestyles and learning of children and young people and influenced school, county and locality planning and evaluation of provision.

The survey methodology continues to be through school based questionnaires developed by the Schools' Health Education Unit (SHEU) in close consultation with the North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service. I am keen that all schools participate in the survey and very much hope that after reading the details, you will feel that you will take up this positive opportunity for your school to participate in the 2018 Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey. There is no cost to the school.

Key supporting information for the 2018 Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey is attached. I hope that the benefits for your school in terms of school improvement, curriculum planning, target setting and evaluation in many areas of pupils' personal and social development, safety and learning will encourage you to participate in the 2018 survey. If you require more information, please contact Rebecca Swift, Equalities adviser 01609 798554 or by e-mail: [Rebecca.swift@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Rebecca.swift@northyorks.gov.uk) or Julie Doyle administrative team, at County Education Office, Tel 01609 532377 or by e-mail [julie.doyle@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:julie.doyle@northyorks.gov.uk).

As you will appreciate, we need to confirm which schools are to be involved as soon as possible and would be grateful therefore if you could complete and return the reply form attached to Julie Doyle by **Friday 9 March 2018** to indicate whether or not you wish your school to participate, and to provide the further details from your school to support the process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Carlton', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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