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Dear Headteacher

2020 GROWING UP IN NORTH YORKSHIRE SURVEY – Autumn Term 2020

Due to covid-19 we postpone the survey from running May 2020. We now intend to run the survey between the 9th November and the 4th December 2020. Though we are mindful that it is a moving situation with covid-19 and the GUNY survey should not be given as home learning, so we will keep a watching brief on the situation. We are keen for all schools to participate in the survey and we have included some questions related to covid-19 into the survey which we hope schools will find useful.

The North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service (CYPS) and public health who have commissioned the survey feel it is really vital at this time that we obtain the perspective of children and young people in relation to learning, safety and well-being. The survey will continue to provide key information about the learning, safety and wellbeing of children and young people across Years 2, 6, 8, 10 and 12 identified across the range of social identities. 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 2018 Growing up in North Yorkshire Survey. Information gained from individual school and county level analysis provided knowledge and understanding about the wellbeing, 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 2020 Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey. There is no cost to the school.

Key supporting information for the 2020 Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey is attached. I hope that the benefits for your school in terms of school improvement, covid-19 responses, Ofsted requirements, 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 2020 survey. If you require more information, please contact Clare Barrowman, Senior Health and Wellbeing adviser 01609 536808 or by e-mail: clare.barrowman@northyorks.gov.uk or School Improvement Business Support team, 01609 798864 or by email eands@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 School Improvement Business Support team, 01609 798864, eands@northyorks.gov.uk by **Friday 9th October 2020** 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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