**Survey Information for Parents / Guardians**

***Shropshire Schools Survey***

Dear Parent / guardian

Your child will be invited to complete a survey online in school time from 1st October 2020. This letter tells you about the survey.

**What is the purpose of the survey?**

The survey hopes to collect information from children & young people in all schools across Shropshire. The council is hosting the survey, which will be repeated every year. We want to learn about how children & young people in Shropshire are doing so that we can understand their needs and monitor the impact of any action we, or a specific school, might take to support them.

**What questions will be asked?**

This year, the survey will focus on nutrition and well-being. Children & young people will be asked questions like whether they have felt cheerful lately, interested in doing things and able to make decisions. These questions are from a widely used questionnaire. If you would like to see the full survey, please use this link:

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/16204/schools-survey-nutrition-and-resilience-2020-printable-version.pdf>

**Will my child be identifiable?**

No. We do not ask for a child or young person’s name. We only ask them to write in the name of their school and year group. This is so that schools can have survey data about their own pupils to inform their support actions, but no child or young person will be identifiable by anyone looking at the survey data.

**Who will have access to the survey data?**

Shropshire Council will store the information securely for 10 years. Each school will have

access to its own data in an anonymised format so that no individual child or young person can

be identified. We are working with the University of Leeds to analyse the data and they will have

access to the anonymised data as approved by us and their ethics committees. We may share

the anonymised data with other professionals who are working with us, under strict conditions.

**Does my child have to take part?**

No, it is optional. Any child or young person of any age can opt out. They will complete other

work whilst pupils complete the survey (approximately 15 minutes). If you would rather your

child did not complete the survey; you can complete the slip below and return it to school within

5 days of this letter.

You do not need to do anything if you are happy for your child to complete the survey.

Thank you

You are making a decision about allowing your child to participate in this survey. If you are happy for your child to participate there is no action required by you. Your signature below indicates that you have read the information provided above and have decided **not** to allow them to participate in the survey.

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Printed Name of Child

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Signature of Parent(s)/carer

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