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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Guernsey Young People's survey 2022

The Guernsey Young People's survey will be undertaken May-July 2022. This survey has been undertaken since the early 1990's and is the key evidence base for the collation of the views, attitudes and health behaviours of young people in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. It is undertaken every three years and during the last survey, in 2019, 1400 + pupils in Years 6, 8 & 10 across the Bailiwick took part. There are separate surveys for secondary pupils and primary pupils.

Our school, along with all other Bailiwick schools, has agreed to participate. Each school that completes the survey receives a report of its own students' responses. The report the school receives also compares its results with other Bailiwick schools and with the results from the previous Guernsey Young People's Survey.

This year, once again, pupils in years 6, 8 +10 will complete the questionnaire. The survey is administered by the Schools Health Education Unit. The unit are leaders in gathering evidence about the behaviour, views and attitudes of young people. A team of local experts have reviewed and updated the questions in the survey to ensure that they are relevant and appropriate. The local experts will also comment upon the findings in the autumn.

The survey questions are shaped by the priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan: Healthy and Active; Reaching Potential; Safe and Nurtured; Included and Respected.

70+ questions will be asked about aspects of young people's lives and the topic areas include: Drugs; Alcohol; Tobacco; Relationships; Sport and Physical Activity; Food and Physical Health; Emotional Health and Wellbeing.

The survey also includes a few questions that seek to find out young people's views on education.

Following advice from the local experts, and in consultation with headteachers, there are additional questions in the 2022 survey.

• Questions about the impact of Covid

- Updated questions on vaping
- More detailed questions on personal background including questions on the religion, faith or belief of a child and their family
- An additional question on gender
- Questions on experience of discrimination

Each survey is anonymous and confidential, and no pupil will be identified from the data.

I hope you will agree with us that this is an important exercise in gathering pupils' views and attitudes and I will assume you support your child taking part, unless I hear otherwise.

If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact Alun Williams at the Health Improvement Commission – <u>alun.williams@healthimprovement.gg</u> or tel: 07839 741223

Yours Sincerely,

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