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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you that between November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021, and December 17<sup>th</sup> 2021, the annual anonymous Young People's Health and Wellbeing online survey will be running throughout Hertfordshire. This is for secondary school aged young people to complete.

The aim of this survey is to provide all secondary schools with useful data on their pupil population (anonymously), including whether there are any differences between responses this year compared with the year before. It will also provide commissioners and a range of agencies with useful data on the Hertfordshire young person population to enable the right services and support to be put in place within the County. This is particularly important in the context of Covid-19 to ensure we are fully aware of the challenges young people are facing.

The survey has been developed in partnership by Public Health, HCC Services for Young People and the HCT Public Health Nursing Service and contains questions on several health-related issues including:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Drugs and alcohol
- Healthy eating and physical activity
- Sexual health
- Safety
- Bullying

We have worked with health professionals and with young people themselves to ensure the questions within the survey are age appropriate. Young people participating do not have to answer any of the questions and the survey makes it clear to them that they can skip a question if they don't want to answer it for any reason.

Once the survey has closed, Hertfordshire County Council's Health Intelligence team will analyse the results and provide a detailed anonymous feedback report to schools along with comparison data with Hertfordshire as a whole. If any data could potentially lead to a young person being identified, this data would be removed from the report.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact us on [yphws@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:yphws@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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