



WELLACRE

16th January, 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Measuring Student Wellbeing in Schools and Colleges Study

Wellacre students in Year 8 have been invited to participate in a study that will measure wellbeing in schools. We hope that you will give consent for your son to take part. Before you consider whether or not to give consent, we feel it is important that you understand why the research is being conducted and what your son's participation will involve.

We believe that we provide good support to our students and continue to strive to improve. However, to gain an even better understanding of our students' emotional strengths and weaknesses and to complement existing programmes of support, we have agreed to run the survey developed by experts in this field. The survey is called 'Wellbeing Measurement for Schools'.

The researchers will send Wellacre a list of unique access codes for each participating student. Your son will be invited to complete the online survey about how he is feeling and it should take no more than approximately 15 minutes. The surveys will be completed in class under the supervision of a teacher. The survey is being conducted to understand the mental wellbeing of the whole year group and not individual student responses and will make comparisons with the findings of other participating schools in the same year group. All student responses to the survey will remain anonymous.

Taking part in the study is entirely voluntary and only students with parental consent will be invited to undertake the survey. However, if you give consent and your son chooses not to participate, then they do not have to. Likewise, it will also be made clear to all students that they do not have to answer any questions that they do not want to.

Following completion of the surveys, Wellacre will subsequently receive an anonymised report of the findings which will in turn help us to review and support student wellbeing. There are no known risks or disadvantages to any student who takes part in this survey.

The deadline for giving parental consent for your son to participate in the study is **Friday 1st February, 2019**. You must tick all three boxes on the consent form before we can invite your son to participate in the wellbeing survey.

We will select a date in school for the survey to be completed as directed by the study researchers from **18th March – 27th March**. The research team will aim to provide us with their Wellbeing Measurement Report approximately four weeks after the survey closes.





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This will assist us to evaluate the impact of the work we are currently undertaking and form the basis for future planning of provision to ensure that students receive the right support.

I have also attached for your information, the Parent Information Sheet and Privacy Notice so that you are fully informed about the process prior to giving consent for your son to participate. This includes a list of the questions your son will be asked and the high levels of security applied to protect the information collated. This correspondence and supporting documentation will be uploaded to the school website under the News and Events/Letter to Parents tab for ease of reference should you require to refer back to it.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your consideration to this request and should you seek further clarification, please contact me via the school receptionist on 0161 748 5011 or by email at ppembert@wellacre.org

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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Vice Principal

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