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Dear Parents/Carers

We contacted you recently to let you know that our school, along with all Bromley Secondary Schools, has agreed to participate in a very important Health Behaviour Survey amongst young people. We had initially asked for your consent, but we have now had confirmation, from the team who are leading this project, that consent is not necessary for participation in the survey. Please contact Amanda.mumford@bromley.gov.uk if you wish to discuss the survey before it starts later this week.

The promotion of the health and wellbeing of our young people has always been important to us and now it is a statutory responsibility for all schools. OFSTED will ask us to evaluate how well we are doing in this area and will require us to provide evidence of our success when we are inspected.

The information about our children/pupils/young peoples' behaviour, feelings and opinions will be very valuable in helping us to:

- 1. Identify what we are doing well and where we need to improve
- 2. Make sure what we are doing and planning meets our young people's needs
- 3. Work better with parents and carers and partners in our community
- 4. Ensure that young people's voices will be heard

The questions cover a wide range of important issues including: the impact of Covid-19, awareness of Drugs and Alcohol, Worries and Anxieties and important issues of concern to young people and adults, like bullying and internet safety. The school will use information gathered from the survey to inform and promote discussion in events and meetings with parents and carers.

Both the Local Authority and the school find the content of the questionnaire acceptable and appropriate for this age group; it has been customised to suit our local setting.

Each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and no pupil will be identified when the report is returned to the school. As part of the survey, it will be helpful if your son/daughter brings their postcode (only part of this will be used; your house will not be identified).

The survey will be carried out in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully

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