



8th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

All Together: united against bullying

Our school is embarking on the All Together anti-bullying programme provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA). ABA is a charity that works to reduce bullying in schools. It is based at the National Children's Bureau (NCB).

In order to make sure that we improve the support we offer, we want to find out the levels of bullying in our school and to find out how our students feel about school. For this reason, we are inviting them to complete an anonymous survey. We will then repeat the questionnaire again in the summer term of 2018 to measure the impact our programme has.

If you are happy for your child to be invited to do this then you do not have to do anything. However, if you do not want your child to complete the questionnaire then please let us know by 22nd June at the latest. **If we do not hear from you we will assume you are happy for your child to be involved.**

The questionnaire is completed as an online survey in school which should take about 15 minutes to complete. The answers your child gives to the questionnaire will not be seen by their friends, teachers or you unless your child chooses an adult to help them complete the questionnaire. The survey has been very carefully designed so that it will be easy for children to answer. If there are questions they don't like, they can leave these out. They will also be able to stop answering the survey questions at any time if they wish.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

One advantage is that your child will help shape the approaches we use as a school when trying to prevent and tackle bullying, for example, it will help us to make sure that the school's anti-bullying policy covers all the important areas that concern children in our school. By asking these questions, students will also know we take incidents of bullying seriously as a school and that we care about our students' wellbeing.

What will happen with the information that your child gives us?

As we have said, the information from the survey will help our school to improve its work to tackle bullying. All information collected will be kept confidential and will be carefully stored by on a secure system held by the Anti-Bullying Alliance in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Schools will not have access to individual completed questionnaires and whole year group reports will be sent back to them anonymously.

Some of the headline results may be shared with key people, like the school's governors and Ofsted. Again this information will be anonymised and it will not be possible to identify any individual pupils

What we need parents and carers to do

We hope that you have found this information useful and that you will be happy for your child to be invited to take part in this survey. However, as explained at the start of this letter, if you do not want your child to participate in this survey, you need to contact the school by 22nd June, to let them know.

If you decide you would like your child to take part you are still free to withdraw your child at any time and without giving a reason; simply let us know that you do not wish them to participate.

If you are unsure about whether you would like your child to take part and you have some questions about the survey, you are welcome to contact me to discuss it

Yours sincerely

Chris Farrow

Assistant Headteacher

You only need to complete this slip if you **do not** wish your child to complete the wellbeing questionnaire.

If you are happy for your child to take part you don't need to do anything.

If you do not want your child to take part (please tick)

I wish to **withdraw** my child from completing the questionnaire:

Child's name: _____ Tutor Group

Parent or carer's name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Completed forms should be returned to school by the 22nd JUNE ONLY if you DO NOT want your child to take part