



ABINGDON

From Head of Wellbeing: Paul Gooding

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Dear Parents

Mercers' Survey on Wellbeing

As a school we are taking part in a national wellbeing survey, run by University College London and Manchester University, in conjunction with hundreds of schools across the country. This is an exciting venture to be involved in, not least as it intends to run for at least 3 years. We are currently in the second year of the survey and we will be inviting our pupils from year 8 and above to take part in the early part of the Summer term. The survey will take, on average, about 25 minutes for pupils to complete.

Please refer to the attached standard letters from the research team at University College London for further information. As these are generic letters which are sent to all schools we have a few adjustments that we would like to make you aware of when we do the Abingdon survey.

In terms of data transfer, Abingdon school will not be sharing any identifiable data with the researchers (eg name/surname) only unique anonymous identifier numbers which only the school has access to. The only other three bits of data we will be sending to the study are gender, year group and school name. We will not be sharing data on any other characteristics, such as special educational needs or emotional wellbeing, for example.

The survey will be entirely voluntary but we would hope that, to help with the study, the overwhelmingly majority of boys will want to take part. If however, you do not want your son to take part please discuss this with him and sign and return the [form](#) on the attached letter from Professor Jessica Deighton and return to me. Also, on the day of the survey, if your son decides that he does not want to take part he does not have to: the whole process is entirely voluntary.

If you have any questions about the project in general please contact Paul Gooding (Head of Wellbeing) and if you have any data protection questions please contact Amy Hadden (Compliance Officer on amy.hadden@abingdon.org.uk) or Professor Jessica Deighton (lead researcher at UCL) as shown on the attached information.

Yours sincerely

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