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Dear Parents and Carers

2016 –GROWING UP IN NORTH YORKSHIRE STUDENT SURVEY

Ripon Grammar School, together with the majority of North Yorkshire schools, has agreed to participate in the 2016 'Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey' for young people. Information gained from individual schools and county level analysis of this survey provides knowledge and understanding about the lifestyles and learning of children and young people and influences school, county and locality planning and evaluation of provision.

The survey data is able to inform the review of provision in schools and school improvement priorities and has been used well, for example, to:-

- Gain feedback from students about the ethos and culture of the school
- Learn their opinions about learning, the enjoyment of lessons and the usefulness of key aspects of the curriculum related to wellbeing
- Identify staff training needs and provide information to inform review of a range of school policies
- Identify the needs of different groups of students and further develop provision to meet those needs
- Inform discussions with parents

The survey that we are using has been commissioned by the North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service from the School's Health Education Unit, Exeter and has been in use in North Yorkshire schools every two years since 2006. The questions concern a wide range of perceptions and behaviours related to learning and wellbeing, for example: Enjoyment of lessons, Attitudes and resilience for learning, Transition, Relationships, Emotional health and wellbeing including bullying, Safety including E-safety, Tobacco, Alcohol, Money, Healthy Eating, Physical activity, Drugs and Sexual health. The North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service has worked closely with the Schools Health Education Unit to ensure that the content of the questionnaires is appropriate, with bespoke questionnaires for primary, secondary and special schools. Each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and no student will be identified when the data is returned to our school. Individual schools are not identified in any of the county reports.

I hope you will feel, as we do, that this is a very worthwhile survey which will support the wellbeing of all of our children, but do please let me know if you do not wish your child to take part. The survey is likely to be carried out in May-June, 2016. We hold a copy of the questionnaire in the school office, and if you would like to read it, you are welcome to do so by appointment. Please contact my secretary, Mrs Hargraves (hargravesp@ripongrammar.co.uk) by May 27th if you have any questions or wish to view the survey.

Yours sincerely

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