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Dear Parent or Guardian

We are writing to inform you about the (delayed) Schools Health Survey which our school will be taking part in over the coming weeks - Spring term 2024, in partnership with Wakefield Council. The survey is conducted every two years across schools in the Wakefield District.

Both the Council and our college consider it very important that the views and experiences of our pupils are listened to on a regular basis in order to ensure that we continue to provide the best service and experience that we can.

The data collected through the survey will be vital for identifying areas that we as a school can improve on, as well as allowing the Council to see on a larger scale the important issues that they need to work on with our children and young people.

The survey will be completely anonymous, so that no one in school or at the Council will be able to identify your child from the responses that they give. Please see the Privacy Notice school-health-survey.docx (live.com) for more information on how and why we use this data.

There will be a range of age-appropriate questions covering the following topics:

- · Eating and drinking
- Physical activity
- Alcohol, smoking and drugs
- Sexual health
- Peer on Peer Sexual Harassment
- Safety and emotional health
- Social media use and free time

The survey will be conducted using an online survey package called Snap Surveys and will be delivered in school under the supervision of one of our staff. It is designed to take no more than 25 minutes.

If you wish for your child not to take part, then please inform the College by contacting Mrs Collins via enquiries@minsthorpe.cc email before end of college day Friday 23rd February 2024. The pupils will also be given the option to opt-out at the very beginning of the survey.

If you would like to talk to someone at the Council about the survey, then please contact Peter Ward pward@wakefield.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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