

Kirklees Young People's Survey 2018:

Information for schools

Kirklees Council is holding an important survey involving young people who are currently in school Year 9.

The survey will provide valuable intelligence and will increase our understanding of the behaviour and views of young people, particularly in relation to their health and wellbeing. This helps to shape the way we commission and deliver services for local children, young people and families. It also shapes our work in developing and monitoring Kirklees-wide strategies.

The survey will be carried out towards the end of summer term 2018, with findings to be published later in the year. It will be completed online during lesson time and all responses will be captured anonymously.

Why should schools take part?

This is a unique opportunity to gain valuable insight into how your students are coping with life as a teenager, including what kind of support they are getting from their friends, family, school and wider community, and how things might be improved for those who are struggling.

You could use these insights to effectively plan PSHE lessons and target provision of school-based services. Evidence of how these findings are being applied directly within your school could be used to support your OfSTED grading, particularly around pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare. The survey also gives your students the opportunity to have their say and be listened to.

The majority of Kirklees schools have taken part in previous surveys. This time, by focusing on a single school year and making the survey shorter, we're hoping that all schools across Kirklees with a Year 9 cohort will want to participate. The more pupils taking part, the richer the intelligence that can be drawn from the data and the more effective it will be in informing and improving future services.

Please sign up by emailing owen.richardson@kirklees.gov.uk as soon as possible, including the name and contact details of the person at your school we should contact about arranging the survey, and any dates between 25 June and 20 July when your Year 9 pupils may not be available (due to school trips, lack of availability of IT resources, etc.).

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Every participating school will receive a tailored report detailing their pupils' health and wellbeing, behaviours (such as healthy eating, exercise, smoking or drinking alcohol) and perceptions of the local area, and will highlight changing trends based on previous surveys. The report will also show how your school compares to the Kirklees average and where your school ranks compared with other (anonymised) schools.

How does it work?

The survey can be delivered during a single lesson for each Year 9 class. Teachers will be supported to explain the survey to students and to discuss the topics covered.

The school will just need to arrange a time (possibly a dedicated PSHE or ICT lesson) where each pupil has access to the internet via school PCs/laptops/tablets, and a member of staff will need to be on hand to support pupils having difficulty with the survey. We have listened to feedback about previous surveys and, as a result, the 2018 survey is shorter. In the future, we intend to run the survey on an annual basis, including a combination of core questions repeated each year and other questions changing to reflect specific themes.

Why is the survey just for Year 9 pupils this time?

The last survey, in 2014, was extended to include Years 7, 9 and 12. This helped us to see whether there were any patterns in when different behaviours were adopted.

However, it also increased the complexity of the survey in several ways. To help schools take part in a more convenient way, we have decided to concentrate only on Year 9 pupils. As this is the age group for which we hold the most data from previous surveys, it will also give schools the most valuable information.

Other details

The project (including designing and delivering the survey) will involve partnership working across groups and organisations including Thriving Kirklees, Community Hubs and Public Health, and will require engagement with Kirklees secondary schools.

The project is being managed by Owen Richardson and Helen Jessop in the Public Health Intelligence team (owen.richardson@kirklees.gov.uk; helen.jessop@kirklees.gov.uk).

Further information, including top-level results when available, will be added to the project's entry on Involve: www.kirklees.gov.uk/KYPS2018

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