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Dear Parents and Carers

Flourish Survey: Helping Norfolk's Children and Young People to feel understood.

We are pleased to inform you that our school, along with several others in the county, has agreed to take part in this year's Flourish Survey. We have been invited to take part in the survey to support the work of Norfolk County Council (NCC) and their partner organisations of the Children and Young People Strategic Alliance (CYPSA).

The Flourish Survey is an important opportunity for our school to give our students a platform to have their voices heard across a wide range of topics from their lives. This insight will not only benefit and inform the decision making of NCC and CYPSA but also be of great value to our school, students, and wider community.

The Flourish Survey is a comprehensive set of mostly multi-choice questions for children and young people to answer directly with their views and feelings. The survey will be run by SHEU, a specialist national company who has been undertaking surveys in schools for over 40 years. Over 3000 schools have used SHEU, with many of them regularly repeating surveys with them.

The questions will cover the topics of the Flourish ambition for CYP in Norfolk:

Friends and Family, Learning, Opportunity, Understood, Resilience, Individual, Safe & Secure and Health. Click this link to learn more about the [Flourish ambition](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/flourish) or find further information at www.norfolk.gov.uk/flourish

The unique insight gained from students at our school completing the survey can benefit the school in a number of ways including:

- providing an indication of current student wellbeing, empowering our school to better meet their needs and aspirations
- informing curriculum decisions – identifying gaps in the current offer to students in terms of knowledge and need
- providing evidence for OFSTED and our governing bodies around personal development, behaviour and welfare, demonstrating a proactive approach
- informing training needs for our staff and as a starting point for wider discussions with governors and our school community

For our students, benefits include:

- an opportunity to take part in active citizenship – lending their voice to a project that will inform decisions being made in many aspects of their own and their peers' lives.
- feeling listened to and understood by the adults supporting them, around what they want and need.
- having a positive influence on our school and wider community.
- enjoying a chance to do something a little different from their everyday school routine.



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The results of the survey will provide our school with a completely confidential report summarising the behaviours and perceptions of our students, benchmarked against the wider county picture. Please note that individual students will have **complete anonymity** when completing the survey in school and will not be identifiable from the data in the report. Students may also leave out any questions that they feel uncomfortable answering and will be fully supported by our staff throughout the process.

NCC and CYP SA will receive only summary data in which neither individual children and young people or schools are identified.

I hope you will agree with us that taking part in this survey only seeks to enrich our school and wider community with valuable insight into our students' wellbeing. If you have further questions or any concerns please contact us here at school or the team behind the survey at flourish.survey@norfolk.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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