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YOUNG PERSONS' BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES SURVEY (YPBAS) 2022

The Young Persons' Behaviour and Attitudes Survey is being carried out by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) on behalf of a number of government departments (including the Departments of Education, Health and Communities). The aim of the research is to generate a picture of the behaviour and attitudes of young people towards the world around them.

The YPBAS takes place every three years. Some of the findings from the 2019 survey, in which over 8,000 pupils took part, can be found on the NISRA website: <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/young-persons-behaviour-attitudes-survey>.

Your child's school was invited to participate in the 2022 YPBAS and the Principal has kindly agreed that the school will take part. Your child's class has been selected at random and your child will soon be asked to complete a questionnaire which covers a range of topics such as school, nutrition, sport and physical activity, museums, arts, libraries, smoking, alcohol, solvents and drugs, sun protection and travelling to school. The survey will take place during the school day and last approximately one hour.

I would like to stress the confidential nature of the survey. NISRA will treat all the data we collect with respect, keeping it secure and confidential. No individual pupil information will be passed onto school staff. The results of the survey will be presented in such a way that no individual pupil or school can be identified. A copy of the NISRA Privacy Notice, which explains our commitment to protecting information, can be found on our website – <https://www.nisra.gov.uk/nisra-privacy-notice>.

Pupil participation is voluntary but I very much hope you will allow your child to take part. The study is an important one and we rely on a high level of co-operation to give us reliable results. I am grateful that you have taken the time to consider this request. **You do not need to reply to this letter if you are content for your child to participate in the survey.**

If you wish your child to be withdrawn from the survey, please let us know by emailing csu@nisra.gov.uk or by calling us on **02890255118**. Please include your child's name, class name and school name in any correspondence, so we can inform the school of your request.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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