

# Wiltshire Council



## Wiltshire's Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Survey 2024

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS / CARERS

Your child's school is taking part in an anonymous Wiltshire-wide survey between 19<sup>th</sup> February and 20<sup>th</sup> March. It is intended to help your child's school and those delivering and planning services to better understand the emotional wellbeing needs of school-aged children and young people. This information sheet will help you understand why the survey is happening and what it will involve.

#### Why are we doing it?

We recognise how important emotional wellbeing is to every aspect of your child's life. We want to ensure we have the right support and services in place in Wiltshire to promote emotional wellbeing effectively and to meet the needs of children and young people. To do this, we need to hear from children and young people about their experience. Similar surveys take place every few years in Wiltshire schools and colleges, and we expect around 10,000 children and young people to take part. The larger the number the more confident we can be in the findings.

#### Who is taking part?

The survey is aimed at children and young people in Wiltshire in the following year groups – 4, 5, 6, 8, 10,12. All schools, further education colleges and alternative education settings (where possible) have been asked to support implementation of the survey.

#### What does it involve for your child?

Your child will be invited to complete the short online survey during the school day sometime between 19<sup>th</sup> February and 20<sup>th</sup> March. The school will organise this and make sure your child is clear about what's involved and supported if necessary. Your child will be reminded that they can leave any questions blank if they do not wish to answer. The survey contains about 40 questions on life at school and emotional wellbeing related issues and takes about 20 minutes to complete. The questions and links to advice and information are adapted for different age groups.

#### What happens to the information provided?

The information your child provides is **anonymous**. No personal information is collected that will allow your child to be identified. Pupils are given a school login not

an individual login, and a record of children not participating (due to parent/carer or individual choice) will be held by the school.

The data from the survey will be stored in encrypted files on secure servers and transferred securely to the Local Authority for analysis and reporting purposes. Schools will receive information to help them direct activities to best support the emotional wellbeing needs of their pupils, and a Wiltshire wide report of the key findings will be made available to support discussions about service planning and development locally.

### **What are the options for you and your child?**

- If you are happy for your child to take part, you do not need to do anything.
- If you do not want your child, or your child does not want to take part, you must tell your child's school as soon as possible – by email or using the school's usual electronic methods for parental opt-out.
- If your child completes the survey, they will be reminded that they can leave any questions blank if they do not wish to answer.
- Please be aware that once your child has completed the survey, we will not be able to remove their responses as there is no way to identify their data.

### **For more information:**

If you have any further questions about this survey, please speak with your school or email [emotionalwellbeingsurvey@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:emotionalwellbeingsurvey@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Your email will be acknowledged and directed to the most appropriate person for a response.