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## **Primary School & ASN establishments: Children's Wellbeing Survey**

### **Dear Parent/Guardian**

In North Lanarkshire we want to do all we can to support our children and young people's health and wellbeing. Following implementation of a health and wellbeing survey in session 2020/21, we would like to hear from our young people again, therefore all secondary age children in North Lanarkshire have been invited to take part in a short online health and wellbeing questionnaire. The results of this survey will be used to understand the wellbeing needs of children in North Lanarkshire. This will help us improve the way children's services are planned and delivered.

### **What will be happening?**

Your child's teacher will complete the Strengths and Difficulties questionnaire. This will take about 5-10 minutes to complete. The questions are all well-established items that have been ethically approved for surveys with children of this age and found to be associated with wellbeing. Some of the topics include: children's emotions, feelings and behaviours at home and school, engagement with learning, and relationships with peers.

### **Will anyone see my child's answers?**

Your child's name will be linked to an ID number by North Lanarkshire. Your child's school and the team managing this project (consisting of a small number of North Lanarkshire Education and Families staff) will hold this information. The project team analysing the data are trained to keep data safe, confidential and anonymous. The focus of the project team will be on looking at trends across the whole of North Lanarkshire and at school and school cluster levels. They will not have a focus on looking at individual results in detail. Only your child's school will look at individual data in detail. This will help school staff to speak with any children who might need extra support.

### **Do I need to agree to take part?**

No. It is up to you. You can opt-out of participating by completing and returning the slip enclosed in the letter to the school. Not taking part will have no impact on your child's schooling or any services used.

Yours faithfully,  
Mr Gerard McLaughlin Head of Service (North)



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**You do not have to do anything** if you are happy for your child's teacher to complete the health and wellbeing survey for your child.

**If you do not wish to participate in this survey**, please contact the school by telephone or complete the tear-off slip below and return it to your school within the **next 10 days**. Thank you for your help with this important programme.

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**Children's Wellbeing Survey**

I do not wish ..... Primary School to complete the survey for my child  
..... (Print name of child in capital letters).

Signed ..... Date ..... /..... /.....

Name .....

Relationship to child ..... Child's primary stage .....

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