



Friday 15 March 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

During the next two weeks from 18th March to 29th March, students in Years 12 -13 at BHASVIC will participate in the Safe & Well at School Survey. This is an online, anonymous city-wide survey, designed by the Brighton and Hove Council Public Health Team, for children and young people aged between 7 and 18. The survey asks a range of questions about school, health and wellbeing and about experiences of bullying. It is explained to all children and young people that this is a confidential survey and they cannot be identified by the information that is collected. They are also asked to speak to a member of college staff or other trusted adult if participating in the survey makes them feel worried or concerned.

This survey does not require parental permission to participate, but all young people have the right not to participate. We ask all young people at the beginning of the survey to confirm they have had the survey explained to them and are happy to answer the questions. We also remind them that they can stop answering the survey at any point, and their answers are only included if they click the "Finish survey" button at the end. We run this survey to help our college further improve our whole college approach to health and wellbeing, anti-bullying and equality. Data from all school and colleges is also collated to provide city-wide information about bullying and health and wellbeing and this is used to improve services and support for children and young people.

We will feed back on the survey results in the Summer Term 2019. If you have any questions about the survey please contact; Jackie Davies, EDI & Welfare Coordinator, BHASVIC, email; <u>i.davies@bhasvic.ac.uk</u>. Starting this year, the public health team are working in partnership with the School of Psychology at the University of Sussex. Researchers from the university have lent their expertise to the update of survey questions, and will also be contributing to analysis of the results for research purposes. Schools will not be identifiable to the researchers. The privacy notice relating to data collection for the survey is available on the Public Health Schools Programme website page, available here: <u>https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/health/public-health-schools</u>.

This study has been ethically reviewed on behalf of Brighton & Hove City Council by University of Sussex's Sciences and Technology Cross-Schools Research Ethics Committee, ER/ROBINB/10, email: <u>crecscitec@sussex.ac.uk</u>. The University of Sussex has insurance in place to cover its legal liabilities in respect of its specific contributions to this study, namely the secondary analysis of anonymous data and reporting of results from that analysis. Note that the data controller for this work will be Brighton & Hove City Council, with University of Sussex acting as a processor of anonymised data on their behalf.

Kind Regards

Jackie Davies EDI/Welfare Coordinator