

Dear Parent/Carer

Student Health and Wellbeing Survey

Every two years, Olchfa is invited to take part in the Student Health and Wellbeing Survey. The School Health Research Network is led by Cardiff University in partnership with the Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and Cancer Research UK. The information collected in the survey is used to compile a Student Health and Wellbeing Report for our school, which supports our work to improve students' health and wellbeing.

Olchfa is taking part in the Student Health and Wellbeing Survey this term. The survey is being managed by Ipsos MORI on behalf of Cardiff University and is completed on-line under the supervision of a member of school staff. It contains questions on health behaviours, including diet, physical activity, smoking, alcohol, drugs, school life and relationships. Students in Year 9 and above only will be asked a small number of questions relating to sexual behaviour. Each student chooses whether or not they want to complete the survey and they can omit any question they do not want to answer. At the end of the survey students are asked to give their name, date of birth and postcode. This enables researchers to connect students' responses across different rounds of the two-yearly survey, in order to investigate how and why health and wellbeing change through adolescence. **It is made clear to students that they do not have to provide this information if they do not want to** and, if given, it will only be seen by a small number of researchers at Cardiff University and Ipsos MORI. All data will be treated in accordance with the Data Protection Act (2018) and the General Data Protection Regulations, and you can read the data privacy notice here: <https://www.shrn.org.uk/gdpr/>.

The survey is strictly confidential unless a student response raises concerns about their welfare, in which case the Research Network will notify our school's safeguarding officer if the student's name has been provided.

Cardiff University uses the survey data to compile the Student Health and Wellbeing Reports and for research into adolescent health. The Student Health and Wellbeing Reports contain only aggregated data, e.g. the percentage of Year 7 boys who eat breakfast daily. This information is very important to our pastoral planning at Olchfa, and indeed to form-time priorities.

I hope that you will be happy for your child to take part. If you have any concerns, wish to see the survey questions, or withdraw your child from the survey, please notify your child's Learning Leader before Monday, 20th November.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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