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### **Surveying children and young people's views on safety in West Sussex**

Dear Parent/Guardian [of year 7/8 children born on or after March 15 2011],

Our school has decided to participate in a survey on children and young people's views in West Sussex. The survey is being run by Crest Advisory on behalf of the West Sussex Violence Reduction Partnership. It aims to strengthen our local understanding of what young people think about local violence, where they feel safe or unsafe and what they're concerned about in their day-to-day lives so that local services can design a response to the problem that meets their needs. Anonymised survey results will be published in a report for local partners.

Professionals in schools and local authorities have a crucial role to play in addressing the root causes of serious violence and it is really important that they understand the experiences of our children and young people. This survey will contribute to building this understanding of how professionals in schools and local authorities can prevent violence and increase feelings of safety for children and young people living and studying in West Sussex.

The survey will ask children about their perceptions of violence locally, and whether they have been a victim or witness of violence, as well as if they may have caused violence themselves. Please find the enclosed information sheet with further details on the survey. Crest Advisory has provided the following link to the survey questions so that you can see what your child will be asked:

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<https://linktr.ee/WestSussexSurvey>

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The survey is voluntary - children can choose not to take part when asked. Furthermore, none of the questions are compulsory, except some demographic questions to help us understand the data - otherwise your child is able to skip any they would rather not answer. They are also free to stop answering the survey at any time, and we provide details of support services that can help at the beginning and end of the survey, in case your child requires any support or wants to discuss anything raised in the survey further. Their class teacher or support worker will also be on hand to answer any questions or provide support.

**If for any reason you do not want your child to participate in this survey please complete this form and return it to XXX by the [suggested Friday 8th March] to opt-out. By not responding to this form, you are consenting for your child to take part.**

Sincerely,  
XXX

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My child \_\_\_\_\_ may not participate in the youth safety survey in West Sussex.

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Signature

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Date