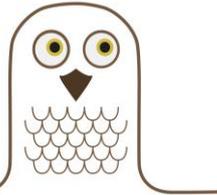




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The WISE Project

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Bristol and Cardiff Universities are running a research project looking at ways to improve the emotional health and wellbeing of teachers and students in secondary schools. We hope this will make schools better places for everybody. Your son or daughter's school is one of 24 that are taking part in the study. In each participating school, students in year 8 will be invited to complete a short confidential survey, which includes questions about the support available to them at school, and some questions about their emotional health and wellbeing. The questionnaire will be repeated two years later. Your child can choose whether to complete the survey or not and is free to stop taking part at any time without giving a reason.

No one at the school will see what individual students have written: the research team will collect all the completed surveys, and will store them securely at the University. The questionnaires do not include names or other identifying features, just study ID numbers. The responses will be entered onto a database which is password protected, and only visible to the research team. We will share our findings with others who are interested, such as school communities, other academics, and policy makers, and we may publish them for example in academic journals. However, all the findings will be anonymised, so no schools or individuals will be able to be identified.

If you would like to know more about the project, or how we are going to use the information that we collect, please contact Rhiannon Evans: EvansRE8@cardiff.ac.uk or Alison Evans: EvansA73@cardiff.ac.uk. You may also use these contact details to find out the outcome of the study.

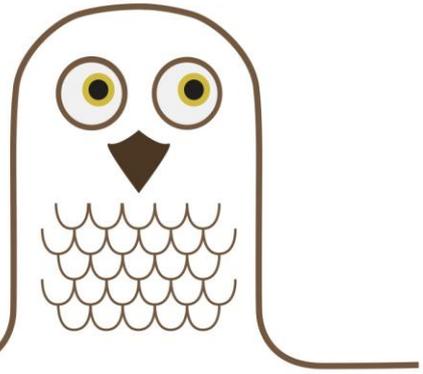
If you are happy for your son or daughter to complete the survey, then you do not need to do anything. If you **do not** want your son or daughter to take part in the survey, then please complete the slip accompanying this letter, and return it to the school within one week.

Many thanks

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You only need to fill in and return this form if you **do not** want your child to take part in this study.

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I **do not** want my son/daughter to complete a survey.

Child's name _____ Tutor group _____

School _____

Parent/guardian's name _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return this form using the enclosed FREEPOST envelope within one week if you do not wish your child to take part.