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Dear Parent / Guardian

We are aiming to improve children's services in your area. To help with this, we are asking all primary and secondary schools in your area to take part, and to ask all children in Primary 5 (P5) to Secondary 6 (S6) about their lives and wellbeing.

Your child will be asked to complete a short online questionnaire during class time. The attached 'Frequently Asked Questions' provides you with additional information and contact details should you wish to learn more. It also explains what to do if you do not want your child to take part in the survey. Your child will also be given a leaflet explaining the survey.

The results of the survey will be used to understand the health and wellbeing needs of children. This will help to improve the way children's services are planned and delivered by your local authority and their partners, such as education, health, and voluntary organisations. The results will not look at children's responses on an individual basis, and any results produced will not enable an individual child to be identified.

You should be aware that the answers provided by your child will be linked to other data already held about your child. For example, data already held by the local authority (such as your child's sex, ethnic background, the area they live in, etc.). However, any data linkage will only be done for **statistical and research purposes** and will also ensure that your child remains unidentifiable. For more information on data linkage, please see the Frequently Asked Questions over the page.

Your child will not be asked to provide their name when answering the survey. However, your child will be asked to enter their Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) as this will then help for any data linkage for statistical purposes to take place. **Your child's name will not be linked to your child's answers.** Therefore, there will be no direct way your child or family can be identified from your child's responses.

You **do not have to do anything** if you are:

- happy for your child to take part in the survey and for their answers to be linked to other data for **statistical and research purposes**; and
- that you are aware that your child's identity will remain confidential

If, however, you **do not** wish for your child to take part in this survey, please click the link below within the next **10 days** (before Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March).

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZJx33dY3gE>

Your child will also be able to choose not to take part in the survey if they do not wish to, even if you say they can.

More detailed information is enclosed. You can also find out more about the survey by visiting the website <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/24240/Health-and-Wellbeing-Census>

and the Scottish Government's website:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/health-and-wellbeing-census-2/>

Alternatively, you can contact your school or you can e-mail your local authority at [Performance@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Performance@dumgal.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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