

10th November, 2021

Dear Parent

School is again taking part in the Vale wide project which improves the social and emotional wellbeing of pupils from year two upwards. Over the coming year we will be using an on-line assessment system to help us establish how the children feel about themselves and others. We will use this information to help us plan what we do as a whole school to develop all children's wellbeing. This will include linking the children's responses with other information we hold, such as attainment, attendance, FSM status, SEN/ALN status, EAL status, ethnicity and first language. We are doing this to see if there are any patterns in our school which will help us to improve children's wellbeing, learning and attendance.

We will decide whether some children would benefit from extra support. This may take the form of your child's teacher supporting them in class, or we may also offer individual or small group support. If we do offer individual or small group support we will contact you at a later date to let you know.

We will treat the information we gain from the assessments carefully, keep it secure and dispose of it after a period of time, in line with council procedures. In order to help your child, we may share the data with the ALN and Wellbeing Service, including more specifically the Youth Service. To help us guide further work, the ALN and Wellbeing Service and school will use the information to identify need, establish general trends for groups of children, assess the effectiveness of specific interventions and strategies and the project as a whole. The Youth Service will use the data to help them in identifying individual pupils who might benefit from their intervention. To help the ALN and Wellbeing Service evaluate the impact of our work, Sussex University may have access to the information. Your child will not be identified in any conclusions of the university's work.

If you would like more information, please contact Mr Bragg or Mrs Farr in school who will be happy to discuss it with you.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Mottram Head Teacher