

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Hertfordshire Public Health Nursing Service uses an online assessment tool, called the Lancaster Model, to identify health needs of children, in line with national guidelines. The assessment tool is designed for children to complete in Year 6 and enables us to capture and address the health needs of your child as they grow. Parents also complete an online assessment for their child in reception. There is further information about the Lancaster Model here:

<https://www.thelancastermodel.co.uk/>

All children in year 6 will be given the opportunity to complete this online questionnaire. The questionnaire will be completed by your child in school and asks about several aspects of your child's life that can impact on their health such as lifestyle and emotional wellbeing. This enables our skilled school nursing team to make an assessment of your child's needs and offer support and advice if appropriate.

All personal information collected from this questionnaire will be treated as confidential and held securely to meet with data protection requirements. Anonymous information, for example information about lifestyle choices and behaviour, may be shared with other agencies to improve services, including your child's school so they can plan appropriate support as identified by that cohort of children.

We fully appreciate that you may want to know more about the data that is collected and how it's stored. Further information can be found at: [Aire Logic LTD/The Lancaster Model's Information Governance Policy](#)

Questionnaires will be completed by the children in school and reviewed by the school nursing team. Your child may be invited to speak to a nurse to discuss any concerns that have been identified. Parents may also be contacted if there are issues requiring further discussion. Please be reassured that school nurses will be following strict social distancing guidelines according to the latest government and NHS guidance. This will include nurses wearing personal protective equipment including face masks whilst this remains part of the NHS guidance.

**If you are happy for your child to complete this questionnaire and where necessary be seen in school then you do not need to do anything further.** If you do not want your child to be included then please contact the school nurse team by the methods below by **25th September 2020**.

Email – [hct.rsnh@nhs.net](mailto:hct.rsnh@nhs.net)

Telephone – 0300 – 123 – 7572. Opt 2, Opt 1

The short youtube clip below describes the important support school nurses offer children and their families in Hertfordshire:

<https://youtu.be/7RoTkp3vkB0>

Yours sincerely

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