

Dear Parents/Carer and Guardians,

Longspee Academy is taking part in the United Against Bullying programme provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA). ABA is part of the National Children's Bureau (NCB) and works to reduce bullying in schools.

To make sure that we are doing all we can to prevent and reduce bullying and to improve student wellbeing, we want to find out how our students feel about school. For this reason, we are inviting all students at to complete a survey in Term 1. We will then ask students to complete the questionnaire again in Term 3 to see if the changes made have had an impact.

If you are NOT happy for your child to be invited to complete the questionnaire, please email us using LEPC@longspee-academy.co.uk by 15th September 2023.

Why has my child been asked to take part and what will they do?

The student questionnaire has been specially designed by ABA. It has been tried and tested with students with and without Special Educational Needs aged 8 and above. It should take about 15 minutes to complete.

Are there downsides to taking part?

There are no known risks or disadvantages to taking part. The survey has been very carefully designed so that it will be easy for children to answer. If there are questions, they don't like, they can leave these out. They will also be able to stop answering the survey questions at any time if they wish. Completing the survey should not cause them any distress. However, if they should become upset, school staff will be on hand to offer support.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

We will receive a report of the survey findings for the whole school, which will help us to review and support student wellbeing.

Your child's responses will help shape the approaches we use as a school when trying to prevent and tackle bullying. For example, it will help us to make sure that the Academy's anti-bullying policy covers all the important areas that concern our students. By asking these questions, students will also know we take incidents of bullying seriously and that we care about our students' wellbeing.

Longspee Academy

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