

## **Survey information leaflet**

**'Keeping young people safe from  
sexual harm in schools'**

## **Why have I been given this leaflet?**

To tell you about a survey we are doing and help you decide if you want to take part.

## **What is the survey about?**

The survey is about keeping young people safe from harm in schools such as sexual bullying and other types of sexual harm within schools.

We know that young people can experience sexual bullying, sexism, sexual violence or harassment in their relationships and friendships with other young people. We also know that this can sometimes happen within schools. We understand that when this happens, many young people don't know how to get help and support, and sometimes the right help and support is not available.

We want to find ways to make schools feel safer for young people and to make sure there is good support available if they experience sexual bullying or harm.

## **Telling us what you think**

We would like to carry out a survey with pupils to find out what they think about these issues. We would be talking about:

- what makes young people feel safe, and unsafe, in school,
- what help there is available for young people who are experiencing sexual bullying, sexism, violence or harassment.
- how well schools respond to these issues and how this could be improved

We will not be asking anyone about their personal experiences - just their thoughts on how things are in their school.

## **Do I have to take part?**

No. It is totally up to you whether you want to take part. If you do take part it is also up to you what you tell us. We won't ask you for personal information and you don't have to answer any questions you don't want to.

## **What will you do with the information that I tell you?**

If you do take part we will store the information you provide in the survey very carefully.

We will use what you tell us to create resources for school and to improve the way schools keep young people safe. We won't use your name or anything else that would let people know who took part.

## **Are the things I tell you confidential?**

As the survey is anonymous we won't know what individual students have told us. If you want us to know and want to seek help you can provide contact details. We won't tell anyone about what you tell us unless you say something that makes us worried about you or someone else being seriously harmed.

## **I want to take part, what do I do now?**

Please tell the teacher who gave you this leaflet.

## **What if I change my mind about taking part?**

If you change your mind about taking part during the survey, that's no problem – you can leave. You can also ask us not to use what you've told and we'll make sure we don't use it.

**If you have any questions, you can talk to your form tutor or head of year.**

# Follow up information

Thank you so much for taking part in our survey. It will really help us to understand what support is available in school for young people who experience sexual harm and how this could be improved.

Here's a bit more information for you to take home with you.

## **What happens now?**

We will use what you and other young people have told us in your surveys to help improve the school's response to sexual harm.

## **Support**

If anything has worried or upset you today, or you would like to talk about things a bit more, you can:

- Speak to your form tutor or head of year or another adult you trust
- **Contact Childline at any time of the day or night.** You can call them free on 0800 1111 or speak to an online counsellor at [www.childline.org.uk/get-support/1-2-1-counsellor-chat/](http://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/1-2-1-counsellor-chat/)