Advance warning of researchers attending the school on Thursday 19th November

Our school is taking part in the **RISE Attendance & Behaviour Hubs Programme**, and we are inviting pupils and parents/carers to take part in DfE's evaluation of the programme.

What is the RISE Attendance & Behaviour Hubs Programme?

RISE Attendance & Behaviour Hubs are designed to support schools to improve **pupil attendance and behaviour**. Schools involved in the programme work with other schools to receive support, help them identify areas for improvement, share effective practice and, ultimately, make improvements to attendance and behaviour which benefit everyone.

The Department for Education (DfE) has commissioned IFF Research, an independent social research organisation, to evaluate the programme and understand what difference it is making for schools, pupils, teachers and families.

Your child and the research

As part of the research, a small number of pupils at our school will be invited to take part in a short discussion with researchers from IFF Research. If your child is selected, the discussion will only last around **30 minutes**. They will ask pupils about their experiences of school, including attendance, behaviour and school culture.

Interviews will be conducted in **friendship pairs** so that pupils feel comfortable and confident to speak openly about their views. Although all researchers are DBS checked and have safeguarding training as standard, a member of staff will also stay in the room during these conversations so that researchers are not alone with pupils at any time.

This is **not a test or assessment**. There are no right or wrong answers, and the researchers are simply interested in hearing pupils' views and experiences. Nothing they say in these interviews could get them in trouble. Taking part is voluntary and any information they provide will be treated confidentially and reported anonymously.

If you do not want your child to take part in the research, please contact us and let us know. You do not need to give a reason. The visit from researchers is taking place on Thursday 19th November, so please contact the school before then. If we do not hear from you, your child may be invited to take part in the research.

The researchers would also like to hear from parents and carers like you!

As part of the research, they are also inviting parents and carers to take part in an **online focus group** following the researchers' in-person visit to the school.

The focus groups will:

- take around **60 minutes**

- take place **online in the evening**, to make it easier for working parents and carers to attend
- involve a small group of parents/carers selected to take part
- be led by a researcher from IFF Research

The purpose of the focus group is to understand what parents and carers think about attendance and behaviour at our school. You do not need to have any particular knowledge of the RISE programme to take part. They are just interested in your experiences and views as a parent or carer.

As a thank you for taking part, you will receive a £20 multi-retail shopping voucher.

Interested in taking part?

If you would like to take part in the parent/carer research, please complete the registration of interest form by **Thursday 19th November** by clicking here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/G4jEjvbyKW

Completing the form does not commit you to taking part. The form will ask for some basic details and your availability so that the IFF Research team can assess eligibility and contact you with further information about the research.

If you have any questions about the research, please contact the IFF Research team at **abhevaluation.contact@iffresearch.com**. For more information on the evaluation and to view our privacy policy, please visit the evaluation website: https://www.abhubsevaluation.com/.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information and for supporting this important research.