

Introducing the survey to parents:

MISSING OUT: Understanding School Exclusion Post Lockdown

The issue of missing out on education has been in the news a lot recently. Pupils can miss out on their education in lots of different ways and for many different reasons. We, together with other schools in Sheffield and across parts of the UK, are working in partnership with Oxford University to understand how and why some pupils get temporarily or permanently excluded from school, why there are differences between schools, and between parts of the UK.

The project includes a short survey – it takes around 10 minutes to complete. This is an opportunity for you to have your say. We want to know what students think should happen to young people when they get in trouble in school for their behaviour. Do schools have too many rules? Are teachers strict enough? Do you feel safe at your school? What do you think is good about the way our school responds when pupils misbehave? Are there aspects you think could change?

This survey is anonymous – no one will know who answered the questions, so please answer thoughtfully and honestly.

We are asking parents of pupils in years 8 and 10 to complete this. We will also be asking pupils similar questions, and they will be receiving their own links to the questionnaire. Please do remind them to fill it in.

Our colleagues at Oxford will send us a report of the findings and this information will help us to shape the collective response to education recovery planning as we work to provide the best support for pupils in this school. At this time when schools face additional challenges as they endeavour to keep both students and staff safe issues related to risk management and exclusion are particularly pertinent.

It's important that we hear the views of everyone. You can miss out questions that you don't feel you can answer but please do take the opportunity to take part.

We will be sending out the survey on 11th October and expect that everyone will have completed it by 17th. If you would like to know more about the Oxford project there is a website

<https://excludedlives.education.ox.ac.uk/>

We are working in partnership with University of Oxford on issues related to risk management and exclusion recognizing that this is a time when schools face additional challenges as they endeavour to keep both students and staff safe.

In this context we are sending out a short anonymous survey for students of years 8 and 10 and their parents to express their views on how they think schools should respond to different misbehavior.

We would encourage you to complete the survey using the specific link provided below. This will enable your views, to be included in the project and used to inform the feedback to your school and Sheffield Council.

The return date for the survey is 17th October 2021.

The feedback will help shape the collective response to education recovery planning for the autumn term and beyond as we work hard to provide the best support for the children and young people in Sheffield.