

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 used for children to complete in Year 6 and Year 9 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/>

We will be visiting your child's school during this academic year, supporting all children in year 6 to complete this online questionnaire. The questionnaire 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 team to make an assessment of your child's needs and offer support and advice if appropriate.

Although anonymous information may be shared, (for example information about lifestyle choices and behaviour) with other agencies to improve services, all personal information collected from this questionnaire will be treated as confidential and held securely to meet with data protection requirements.

Following completion of the questionnaire, your child will have the opportunity to speak to a nurse about any issues that may arise, and if necessary, we may contact you.

There is further information on our website about the services we offer:

<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing>

**If you are happy for your child to complete this questionnaire 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 **FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019** –

Email - [HCT.stadac@nhs.net](mailto:HCT.stadac@nhs.net)

Telephone – 0300 – 123 – 7572.

Yours sincerely,

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