



22nd March 2019

Dear Parents,

## Year 9 Health Needs Assessment Questionnaire

Once again, this year Tarleton Academy will be taking part in the School Health Needs Assessment (SHNA) in partnership with the school nurse teams from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust. The majority of schools in Lancashire are involved in this and last year over 20,000 children and young people took part. This is a really helpful way to better understand and respond to the health and well-being needs of children and young people and also for additional support to be offered if needed.

As part of this process, students in Year 9 will be asked to complete a questionnaire about their health and well-being. Our own school nurse, Sharan Elliott, held an assembly on Monday with year 9 students to ensure that they understand the process, the reasoning behind the questionnaire and what happens to the data that is collected. The information from the assembly is summarised below:

- The results of the questionnaire helps the school nurse teams provide the best support they can for all young people within our school.
- The data collected is anonymised.
- Only the school nurse will be able to see the answers and information, and this cannot be shared with school without the student's permission.
- The questionnaire is not compulsory.
- The questionnaire is electronic and accessible through the link below:  
<https://ccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/questionnaires/> the pupil guidance notes are attached with this letter.
- The questionnaire asks students about their health and lifestyle. It requires them to select an answer that best describes how they feel.
- Honest answers are very important.
- We, as a school, will receive a report that summarises the responses of everyone in Year 9.

This letter, student guidance notes and a message from the school nurse team have been added to Firefly for all Year 9 students, along with the required link for the questionnaire. Personal tutors will allocate time in tutor sessions next week to allow for the completion of the questionnaire, however, students can also complete at home if they prefer. The deadline for completion of the questionnaire is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

If students or parents would like to know more, the school nurse would be happy to help. The school nurse can be contacted on 01695 684200 to answer any questions that you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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