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Dear Parent/Carer,

Ipsos MORI Scotland Young People in Scotland Survey 2021

Your child's class is being invited to take part in an important research study being undertaken at their school. I am writing to provide you with some information on the survey so that you can decide whether you are happy for your child to take part.

Pupils who take part in this survey will be asked to fill in an **online questionnaire** which will take around 30 minutes to complete.

The study is sponsored by public and third sector organisations, including the Scottish Government. This year the survey will focus on young people's views on a number of issues, including their future goals, cyber security, wellbeing and learner participation. It will also ask about their views on climate change, gender equality, and how they make decisions about which subjects to take during the senior phase. **The results will help in the planning and development of services for young people in Scotland.**

More than **2,000 pupils from around 50 schools across Scotland** are being asked to take part.

Data from the survey will be kept in the **strictest confidence and stored securely** and will be used for this research project only. **Pupils will not be asked to give their name, so they cannot be identified in the results.** Only the survey research team at Ipsos MORI will have access to individual responses, but your child's answers to the questions will be looked at **alongside those of lots of other pupils. For more information, the privacy notice for this survey is available here:** <https://ipsos.uk/YPSS2021privacy>.

To help us look for any patterns in the results across different parts of Scotland, we will ask pupils to provide their postcode during the survey. However, they do not have to provide this information if they would prefer not to.

If you have any questions or concerns about this survey, please contact **Maggie Pollok at Ipsos MORI Scotland** on 07583 127417 or by email: YPSS2021@ipsos-mori.com

If you are happy for your child to take part in the research, **you do not have to do anything.** Your child will also be asked if they wish to take part. If they do, please allow them to complete the survey in private.

However, if you **do not** wish for your child to take part in this survey, please contact Robert McFarlane **within the next 7 days.**

Thank you for your help with this important study.

Yours faithfully



Lorraine Murray, Project Director, Ipsos MORI