

8th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to improve the outcomes for each and every child here at Budmouth we would like to hear from you on how you think we are doing. It is very important to us that we listen to feedback from you on key issues and we would therefore welcome your responses through the following survey.

Our Survey

The primary goal of our parent survey is to collect and understand parental opinions, perspectives and attitudes towards the academy, specifically the [Eight Conditions](#). The students are also completing a similar survey to provide us with a student perspective. This will allow us to understand the key issues they are facing and how these issues may have changed over the course of the last two years.

Our survey is based upon more than two decades of work in research on the Eight Conditions that we are now developing across the entire academy. These conditions prepare students to strive for and fulfil their academic, personal and social promise by emphasising positive relationships, engaging in learning and gives them a sense of purpose.

The link for the survey can be found here: <https://forms.gle/a945gsVkf88dWBir9> and should take you no more than 15 minutes to complete. If you have more than one child you are very welcome to complete a survey for each if you believe that your answers might differ.

Anonymous Reporting

At Budmouth Academy we believe that safeguarding our students is of the utmost importance and that the ability to report concerns to an appropriate adult is vital in ensuring everyone remains safe. Evidence from nationwide studies and recent media reporting suggests that sexual harassment and online bullying is under-reported. At Budmouth we are determined to do something about this. We have therefore decided to introduce a new system that will encourage students to report concerns anonymously so that we can support them at school.

'Whisper' is an on-line and open reporting route that can address concerns and issues that affect the mental-health, safety and well-being of children, young people and staff.

This can be accessed by clicking on the link below. This will also be displayed on the school website (<https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/baw1/>). Alternatively, students can text BAW1 followed by their message to 07860 021323.

There is then the choice whether to supply contact details, or to share these concerns anonymously. The personal details are not shared or stored as part of the process, unless someone chooses to include them – this also includes the mobile phone number, if reporting issues by SMS.

What can be reported?

Sharing things that upset someone is not always an easy thing to do. Whisper is designed to act as another way that students can tell a responsible adult at school about any issues that they might be having. Sometimes that way might be easier than a face to face meeting.

This might include:

- Someone being bullied (the reporter or someone else).
- Something happening online that they don't feel comfortable with and might need some advice on.
- If somebody at the school is at risk.
- If somebody has a problem like harassment or prejudice they wish to discuss.

What will happen after a concern is reported?

We will endeavour to read any concerns raised within 24 hours. The school has a duty of care to deal with any issues that involve the safety or well-being of students or pupils, so you can expect this to be acted upon. The school will then investigate the issue further using the information you have provided.

Not all issues that are reported can be resolved. But reporting can raise awareness for school staff and ensure that everyone's voice is able to be heard. Your child will receive information regarding Whisper in school assemblies next week, and the system is already live.

February Half Term Support for Year 11

Please can I remind you of our February Half Term Revision and Support Sessions for Year 11 students. We are pleased to be able to offer **46 different sessions** to give students a boost before the main Mock Exams that start straight after the half term break and are also there to support students as they progress towards their Summer Exams. Mr Hudson recently wrote to you regarding these; however, as a reminder, please click on the link below to see our full programme.

<https://budmouth.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2022/02/Yr-11-Letter-Spring-Half-term-revision-22.docx.pdf>

If you have questions about any of the items in this letter please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Head of School.

Your Sincerely



Michael Hoffmann
Principal