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Dear Parent,

We are writing to let you know that for the fifth year running Glasgow City Council is using the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) for teachers to complete routinely for all children in P3. The SDQ looks at children's feelings, behaviour and how well they get on with adults and other children. This questionnaire is already used widely across Scotland and the UK, as well as in countries such as Australia, Denmark and Holland.

The information gained will help teachers better understand individual children and help improve services delivered to children in Glasgow, for example by finding out what sorts of school environment or support for parents improves child well-being. More information is available about the SDQ at [www.sdqinfo.com](http://www.sdqinfo.com).

The information will also be collected together and used by the University of Glasgow evaluation team to look at how common social and behavioural difficulties are in children in P3 across the city. From this population information, reports will be published to help service development. It will not be possible to identify your child or their school in these reports. All information will be held securely in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998: paper forms will be locked in a filing cabinet on secure University of Glasgow premises and no information that identifies you or your child will be available to anyone outside the evaluation team.

This letter is just for your information. You don't need to do anything with it, but if you have any questions that cannot be answered by school staff, please contact the evaluation office by email [ihw-ins-chime@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:ihw-ins-chime@glasgow.ac.uk) or by telephone (0141 353 7500).

Thank you for your help with this very important evaluation which aims to improve the services delivered to young people.

Yours faithfully

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