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Dear Parent,

We are writing to let you know that your child, along with all the other P6 children in your child's school, will soon be asked to complete the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) in class time. The SDQ looks at children's feelings, behaviour and how well they get on with adults and other children. This questionnaire is already widely used across Scotland and the UK, as well as in countries such as Australia, Denmark and Holland. More information is available about the SDQ at www.sdqinfo.com.

Glasgow City Council has used the SDQ for P6 children since 2012 and uses the information to help teachers better understand individual children and generally improve services delivered to children in Glasgow.

All the SDQ results for P6s will be collected together and looked at by the University of Glasgow evaluation team to look at how common social and behavioural difficulties are in children in P6 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 now, 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 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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