

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals (BTH) School Nursing Service are undertaking health and lifestyles questionnaires with year 6 and year 9 pupils in your child's school. The aim of this is to find out about your child's health needs and address them. Your child will be asked to complete a questionnaire about their health and lifestyle at school, via a secure web platform. The information provided on the questionnaire will be shared and used in three different ways as outlined below.

Name of Organisation	What information do they see? What will the information be used for?
School Nursing Services, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals (BTH)	Only the School Nurse will be able to see the individual responses to the questions. If there are any responses that indicate your child may have a particular health issue, the School Nurse will contact your child individually if in year 9 and will discuss with you first if your child in year 6 .They will always act in the best interest of your child. The information will also help the School Nursing Service to understand the needs in the local area and target resources accordingly.
<b>RIPLEY ST THOMAS CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY</b>	Your child's school will receive a report that summarises the responses of everyone at the school. They DO NOT see your child's individual information. The school can use the report to include health in school improvement planning. It could also be used to decide what needs to be included in the PSHE classes.
Lancashire County Council.	The local authority will use information from all the schools so they can understand the population needs in your local community, in order to develop appropriate services.
<p><b>I understand that anyone handling information about my child has a legal duty to treat such information confidentially:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The personal information about my child from the questionnaire will be shared only with school nurses:</li> <li>• Any personal information will be stored securely in electronic form;</li> <li>• Your child's health record will be updated with any changes to ensure information about them is accurate and up-to-date.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>I also understand that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have the right to opt out at any time, but that this may mean that some of the support services will not have all information they need to help my child at the right time. Information about my child will only be shared without consent when there is a risk to my child's or another person's protection/welfare; to prevent crime and disorder or when required by Law. I and/or my child will be informed if this happens whenever possible.</li> </ul>	

**Opting your child out of the programme**

If you are happy for your child to be part of the health questionnaire, you do not need to do anything. If you have any questions or do not want your child to take part please let us know **in the next 2 weeks** using the contact details below. Children will not be made to take part if they do not want to.

**For further information please contact**

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