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Dear Parent/Carer

We have been approached by Nottingham Trent University, alongside other schools, asking for students, parents/carers and staff to take part in University based research which focuses on online activity and, in particular, behaviour which could be deemed as risky.

At Northampton School *for Boys*, we have engaged the students with various schemes of work in Citizenship and Guidance, Enterprise Week and in one off awareness sessions. This has included Kayleigh's Love Story and work with Service Six in order to highlight the issues that the internet can present when not used thoughtfully and the consequences that this might have immediately and long term. This also falls alongside work on anti-bullying (The Be Nice Bus and Anti-Bullying Week) and Mental Health (Service Six/Up Front Theatre Company). The internet is an amazing resource in so many ways but making young people aware of how to use it, discussing the downside of the internet and getting them to look at their own behaviour is all part of a protective behaviours approach which aims to equip individuals with the knowledge to be safe online.

As a result we have decided to support Nottingham Trent University in their research and allow distribution of the accompanying letter which requests participation in a survey. Students will be given an opportunity to complete the survey at school however you are at liberty to withdraw your child from this survey by returning the reply slip below by Monday 29 January. The surveys will take place between 30 January and the end of Term 3 (9 February).

If you wish to discuss the content of the survey please contact the University; for any other issues please contact me. They are also asking for parents/carers and staff to participate so they can compare data for those of school age with adults. If you choose to access the parental survey it will give you an awareness of the type of questions covered and you could then, if you were unsure, make an informed decision on whether you wanted your child to participate.

Kind Regards



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To Parents and Carers of Northampton School *for Boys*

Currently there is research being undertaken at Nottingham Trent University, supervised by Doctor Olatz Lopez-Fernandez. The intention is to explore risky online behaviours; specifically cyberbullying and sexting in a ranging population including adolescents, university students, parents/carers and teachers from a cross-cultural perspective.

In order to carry out this study, we are aiming to collect data from a simple online survey which will ask a variety of questions regarding online behaviour and participation will take no longer than 11 minutes:

<https://ntuppsychology.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SVemQXofCKyx81cvr>

This research has adhered to NTU Social Sciences ethical guidelines and was approved on the 12/12/17. In order to maintain confidentiality, the name of the school and the names of the children will be kept anonymous. All data collected from this survey will be kept in password protected files with only the two people analysing the data having access. Upon completion of this project on 05/03/18, if results are enlightening we will aim to publish them guaranteeing maximum anonymity and confidentiality. In a maximum period of 2 years, all data will be destroyed.

If you give consent for your child to take part and later change your mind, you have until the 15/02/18 to contact us via the email addresses below - at which point your child's data will be withdrawn and disposed of securely. Moreover, we invite you to participate in the survey as a parent too (i.e. mother, father, carer, etc.). You will observe there is a different pathway to enter the survey for each type of participant based on the age group.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact us:

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Please return the consent slip below to your child's Form Tutor by Monday 29 January 2018 indicating your preference.

To: Form Tutor, Northampton School *for Boys*

Online Safety Survey – Nottingham Trent University

I do/do not give consent for my child to take part in this research regarding risky online behaviours.

Name of student: _____

Form: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____