

The Children's Society

Dear Parent or Carer,

Your child has been invited to take part in a focus group – linked to their role as a Peer Mentor at Hodge Hill College.

The group is taking place to find out about young people's experiences of being a Peer Mentor, whether the training they received has been helpful, what the role entails and whether they think it has been helpful in supporting positive wellbeing for pupils at the school.

The group is part of an evaluation of the South Asian Young People's Mental Health Project (SAYPMHP), funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and led by the Birmingham Education Partnership. The independent evaluation of the SAYPMHP is being undertaken by The Children's Society, a national charity that aims to improve children's lives.

The evaluation is important as it will help to decide what happens in the future to support young people's mental health and wellbeing. The Children's Society is working with Hodge Hill College and other schools in the area to ensure that young people's views are represented.

The group session will be led by a researcher from The Children's Society. No child has to take part if they do not want to, and the sessions will be kept confidential. We do not record children's names, and no one will be able to identify individual children's responses from the focus groups.

We hope that your child will be able to help us with this and take the opportunity to say what they think. If you have any further queries, please contact me at

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Many Thanks,

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