

# The Children's Society

Dear Parent or Carer,

Your child has been invited to take part in a research interview – linked to having a mentor at school as part of the South Asian Young People's Mental Health Project (SAYPMHP).

Young people who have received mentoring support are being interviewed in five of the secondary schools in the Hodge Hill area. This is to contribute to an independent evaluation of the SAYPMHP which 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.

Interviews will ask about whether mentoring has been helpful, what a young person might change about it and whether they think it will have a long term impact on them. No child has to take part if they do not want to, and the interviews will be kept confidential. We do not record children's names, and no one will be able to identify individual children's responses in any reporting for the evaluation.

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 [Phil.Raws@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:Phil.Raws@childrenssociety.org.uk)

Many Thanks,

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