

## WSS Review Trial- Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) FAQ Sheet

### SDQ COMMUNICATION

**Q. When will the link to the SDQ be shared?**

A. The WSS team (not FFT) will send an email to the SENCo at each trial school that will include: a unique SDQ link; a link to a short video; Teacher Guidance Notes and a reminder to include the Support Information Form when all this information is passed on to the teachers administering the SDQ. This email will be sent out on Monday 26 April 2021.

**Q. How long do we have to complete the SDQ with our year 8 & 9 students?**

A. The deadline to complete the SDQ with year 8 & 9 students is end of play on Monday 24 May 2021.

### ADMINISTRATION OF THE SDQ

**Q. How long does the SDQ take to do on average?**

A. The SDQ process should take around 20 minutes from start to finish. This includes the teacher reading out the script from the Teacher Guidance Notes, showing the short video and the students completing the SDQ itself on whatever devices are available to them. This timing may vary, some students may need longer than others.

**Q. Can the link to the SDQ be posted on our school Google classroom for those specific year groups?**

A. Yes, you can use Google classroom. You could encourage students to click that they have submitted the task on Google Classroom, by offering an incentive e.g. achievement points to complete the SDQ.

**Q. Can students complete the SDQ on their phones?**

A. The SDQ is designed to be accessible on a number of devices including pc's, laptops, tablets and phones.

**Q. Is it imperative that every student in years 8 & 9 completes the SDQ?**

A. The SDQ is very important. We are asking you to encourage every student to complete the SDQ. The higher the completion rate, the richer, more comprehensive and potentially significant the findings at the final evaluation analysis that will be shared with all schools in the trial. However, each individual student has the right to withhold their consent to participate.

**Q. What if students are absent for example because of Covid, can they do the SDQ at home?**

A. Yes the SDQ can be completed remotely. We have added two question for students asking 'whether you are completing at home or in school' and 'during the lockdown from January 2021 were you attending school?'. Please ensure that students watch the guidance video, that a teacher shares the Teacher Guidance Notes and is available to answer any questions or concerns that students might have.

**Q. If there are just a handful of students who are away how imperative is it to have a catch-up session with them?**

A. It is important to ensure these students know there is a teacher available to answer any questions or concerns they might have, this will also help with completion rates. See above.

**Q. Can the SDQ be set remotely, after being presented to pupils in school first?**

A. Yes but please ensure that students watch the guidance video, that a teacher shares the Teacher Guidance Notes and is available to answer any questions or concerns that students might have.

- Q. Can we see who has submitted and who hasn't then we can chase them up?**  
A. Through the SDQ link there isn't a way to monitor who has completed the SDQ at the point of administering the SDQ. However maybe schools can monitor this themselves for example if google classrooms is used.
- Q. Is there a way of knowing how many responses have been received per year group?**  
A. No, not at the point of administering the SDQ.
- Q. Can students submit a response more than once?**  
A. Technically yes, but students are asked to give their name and date of birth at the start of the online SDQ and there will be a data cleaning process to eliminate any duplicates or false entries.
- Q. For students who have not given consent, do we have to remove them and not have them doing the SDQ or can they do it and not have it submitted so they don't feel different?**  
A. There is a YES/NO option at the start of the SDQ. If students tick 'yes' they will go on to the survey and if they click 'no' they will be brought to a Thank You page.
- Q. If parents have withdrawn consent for a student's data to be part of the trial but the student wants to do the SDQ do we let them?**  
A. If the teacher knows that a student's parent/s have not consented to their involvement then do not let them complete the SDQ. When they log on there is an option to say 'no I do not give consent'.  
If it is more appropriate for a student whose parent/s have not given consent to be included or the teacher is not sure, let them complete the SDQ and as part of the data cleaning process the students will be matched against withdrawal records and those withdrawn will be removed from the SDQ data.

## POST SDQ

- Q. Do we see the data from the students filling in the questionnaires?**  
A. Individual student level data will not be shared, their answers are confidential. We are however planning to share some school relevant high level data with you later this year and then also at the end of the project in more detail.
- Q. How long will this [high level] data take to be return to us?**  
A. The aim is to make this SDQ data available to trial schools in September 2021.

## GENERAL

- Q. Is the SDQ done regardless of whether we are a control school?**  
A. Every school in the trial is asked to administer the SDQ. This data is important to understanding the well being of students throughout the trial.
- Q. Is the SDQ data being used to work out who is in the intervention and control group?**  
A. No. The process by which schools are placed in the intervention and control groups is completely random. Every school's cooperation is essential to the success of the trial whether in the intervention or control group. The first SDQ takes place ahead of randomisation.