

29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parent and Carers,

HeadStart Kent is a preventative programme for 10 to 16 year olds to help improve their emotional resilience. This will support young people and help them manage any challenges they have in their lives. Young people will be supported to develop aspects such as talents and interests and there are grants available to support where needed.

HeadStart Kent is funded by the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund and managed within Kent County Council.

In order to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of HeadStart Kent, information will be collected from our school. This will include information around students accessing additional support or services for resilience or emotional wellbeing.

To support the evaluation we may pass on basic information from a discussion with a young person about how they are developing resilience and the activities and support they wish to pursue. This information will be provided to the HeadStart Kent programme and will only be used for research purposes.

If your child has a discussion and you would rather the information is not passed on please notify me by emailing [w.brown@homewood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:w.brown@homewood.kent.sch.uk) by 9th February 2018.

More information about the programme can be found online by visiting [www.HeadStartKent.org.uk](http://www.HeadStartKent.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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