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Dear Teachers,

This September we, Worcestershire Youth Cabinet, carried out a Relationship Survey at Worcestershire Pride 2018. Youth Cabinet members approached the public and gathered 60 responses at the event. The purpose of the survey was to establish the educational experiences that people had received in schools around relationship education and information. Participants were from a range of schools and ages across Worcestershire. The survey contained some questions about their experiences in school, background about them and what they believe schools were doing well and what they believed could be improved.

Worcestershire Youth Cabinet is a group of 11-18 year olds who represent young people in each of the 6 districts. We aim to give the young people of Worcestershire a voice and we consult with Worcestershire's Young People through 'Make Your Mark', which is a nationwide vote for 11-18 year olds on the issues young people want changed. In 2017 418 young people in Worcestershire voted for 'A Curriculum for Life' and 346 voted for 'Protect LGBT Youth'. In response to this we made a consultation to find out more about people's experiences in school.

Please find recommendations made by Worcestershire's Young People from the survey on page 2.

We would like to seek your support in this campaign and we have attached some recommendations. We would also be happy to lead assemblies, run workshops, and provide resources such as PowerPoints.

We would love to hear back from you and support you throughout the year. If you want to know more about Worcestershire Youth Cabinet or Make Your Mark, feel free to contact us.

Thank you
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Worcestershire Youth Cabinet Recommendations

- Teach about LGBT relationships alongside straight relationships so students don't feel left out
- Teach about consent and its importance to the younger years
- Teach about healthy relationships like friendships, not just sexual relationships
- Different sexualities
- Onanism
- When talking about abuse and healthy relationships make sure to have diverse couples
- Put lessons on a shared area so students can access them at any time (for example they are away for the lesson)
- Have interactive lessons and assemblies so students are more involved and remember the information
- Set up an LGBT safe space so students don't feel alone (10 responses said they feel unsafe talking about LGBT issues in school and class)
- Teach that you don't have to have sex if you are in a relationship

We know that some schools are already doing most of these things, however if there is anything you feel you need help with including feel free to contact us. Thank you for making your students feel safe and included in class.

Many thanks,

Worcestershire Youth Cabinet