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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Big Future Survey 2026

We are committed to ensuring that students have meaningful opportunities to share their views and contribute to decisions that affect their lives. We are therefore supporting The Big Future Survey, a national initiative led by Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England. The survey aims to gather the views of children and young people across England about their experiences, the issues that matter most to them, and their hopes for the future.

The survey provides young people with a valuable opportunity to have their voices heard at a national level. Responses will help the Children's Commissioner for England develop a clearer understanding of what life is like for children today and what they believe is needed to create a positive future for themselves and their communities.

What will students be asked about?

The survey invites young people to share their views on:

- Their experiences of childhood today
- The issues and challenges that concern them most
- Their local communities and the changes they would like to see
- Their aspirations and hopes for the future
- What they believe a good childhood should look like now and in the years ahead

How will responses be used?

The information gathered will be used by the Children's Commissioner for England to ensure that the views of children and young people are represented in discussions with government and other decisionmakers. The survey findings will help inform future policy and support improvements for young people across the country.

Completing the survey

We would be grateful if students could complete the survey at home with a parent or carer. The survey should take approximately five minutes to complete. We kindly ask that you support your child in completing the survey by **Friday 23 October 2026**.

The survey can be accessed using the link below: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Thank you for taking the time to support this important national initiative.

Kind regards,

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