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The Big Ask

Dear Parent/ Carers

Dame Rachel De Souza has recently been appointed as the new Children's Commissioner for England, and has written to children and young people's services across the country to ask for your help.

The role of the Children's Commissioner is to speak up for children and young people across England. As the government starts to plan how to rebuild after the pandemic, children should be at the heart of it. Further to this, the new Childhood Commission is launching a once-in-a-generation review of the future of childhood. This review will identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their full potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

The first stage of this work is gathering the views, opinions and experiences of all children. The Childhood Commission will be carrying out the largest ever consultation with children in England, called **The Big Ask**, to find out what children's concerns and aspirations about the future are. The ambition is to reach every child – the more children and young people respond, the stronger this work will be. The Big Ask will be launched on **Monday 19 April** as an online questionnaire for children.

This is to inform you that we will be carrying out the survey with the children in school during the normal school day. It is crucial to the children Commission that all children have the opportunity to have their voices heard.

By participating as a whole school we are helping to ensure children and young people's views and needs are at the heart of the country's plans to rebuild for the future. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the school or with a member of the Childhood Commission team at big.ask@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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