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Dear parents and carers

National survey of children: The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#) - the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England.

It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Pupil voice is important to us and having our pupils heard in a national survey is even more critical. We will therefore use a small part of IT lessons at Key Stage 3 to allow pupils to complete the survey. Pupils at Key Stage 4 and students at Key Stage 5 will be asked to complete it on their mobile devices during tutor time.

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

Internet Watch Foundation campaign launched to raise awareness of "self-generated" child sexual abuse material

In the last year, ["self-generated" child sexual abuse imagery](#) has increased by 77% and is a third of all child sexual abuse material identified and removed from the internet. These included images of girls aged 11 to 13 whose abuse had been recorded via a webcam in a domestic setting.

To help prevent the creation of this type of abusive imagery, a campaign has been launched by the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF) backed by the Home Office and Microsoft. It aims to help raise awareness of this type of criminality among parents and carers of young teens, empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13+ to spot the techniques used by sexual predators and give them the knowledge to Block, Report, Tell someone they trust.

It is a national campaign running from Wednesday 21 April for six weeks. You can find out more on the [IWF website](#), as well as specific sites for [parents](#) and [young people](#).

PSHE: Consultation on the length of the school day

The issues raised in each of the above news items are the sorts of things we cover in our PSHE curriculum.

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This curriculum is delivered in tutor time. This year, tutor time has been longer (30 minutes instead of 15 minutes) due to the staggered start and end times that have been part of our Covid-19 measures. The additional time has allowed us to deliver our PHSE programme in much greater depth and, given the essential nature of this curriculum, we would like to retain this time, even when Covid measures stop.

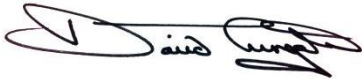
This would increase the length of the school day by just 15 minutes, but best practice is to consult on any permanent change to the school day.

I would therefore like to invite you (and I will be asking pupils and staff to do the same) to complete a very short survey on whether you support the change and which of 2 models for achieving this you would prefer. In short, these are either starting the school day earlier at 8.30am or finishing slightly later at 3.15pm.

Here is the link to the survey: [Parent and carer consultation on the length of the school day](#)

The deadline for completing the survey is midnight on Friday 7 May 2021.

Yours faithfully



David Tungate
Principal

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