

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Big Future Survey

We are writing to let you know about an important national survey being led by Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England, which gives children and young people the opportunity to share their views about their lives and their future.

The survey, called The Big Future, follows on from the Children's Commissioner's previous surveys (*The Big Ask* and *The Big Ambition*), which together were the largest children's surveys ever carried out in England. This final survey aims to make sure children's voices continue to be heard at a time of significant national change.

For the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in a future general election. However, research shows that only one in five children feels that politicians listen to them. The Big Future survey is designed to change that by asking children and young people aged 0–18 about:

- What they think a good childhood should look like today
- Changes they would like to see in their communities
- Their biggest worries and concerns
- Their hopes and aspirations for the future

The Children's Commissioner is keen to hear from children from all backgrounds, in all schools, and in every part of the country. She has asked schools to support this work by encouraging families to take part.

We are therefore inviting you to complete the survey together with your child at home, where appropriate. The survey can be accessed here:

👉 <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

There are supporting resources available on the Children's Commissioner's website, including a short introductory video and FAQs, and the survey is designed to be accessible and age-appropriate.

Schools that achieve high levels of participation will receive:

- Formal recognition for supporting children's voices and civic engagement
- A summary of their pupils' responses

We would be very grateful for your support in helping us ensure that every child has the opportunity to take part. The deadline for completing the survey is **Friday 23 October**.

Thank you, as always, for working in partnership with us to support our children to feel listened to, valued and empowered.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Westaway
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