

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful seeing our students after the Easter break knowing that it is unlikely that we will face another lockdown before the end of this academic year, meaning we can really get back into school life. We are hoping that our usual school calendar will resume with the possibility of planning school trips and visits and inviting new year 7 students to school for transition activities.

The Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel De Souza has launched a national survey seeking views from both children and parents about the future and I want to encourage you to complete it as the outcomes will be reported to the Government to help with their decision making. The details are below so do take a look.

Can I remind you to ensure that your children complete the LFT home testing twice a week please? In the beginning completion rates were exceptional but they have started to fall so do encourage your child to take the test and report the results to NHS Test and Trace AND to school using the link issued by Mrs Austin. The testing is helping to keep our school community safer.

*Mrs Sonia Taylor*  
**Headteacher**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### 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 they can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

So, we urge you to ask your children to complete the online survey which should only take a couple of minutes to do.

### LFD Testing

Please continue to test your child twice weekly and report the result on the Government website as well registering the test result [here](#) for our records.

If you enter a positive result by accident, please call 119 to correct the result. You may be asked for photographic evidence, so in this event, please keep the test.

### Grove Girls- Virtual Performance

Elaine Cook works with a number of students here at The Grove School and has done for many years teaching vocals. Here is the link to see the latest performance she has put together virtually, including students past and present. Well done to all involved!

<https://youtu.be/QTikUmTa1lk>



### BBC Young Composer 2021

Below is information about a competition being run by the BBC aimed at young composers. Click the link for more information: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4mY3MbSJ5G2LvSbzZPbc85G/bbc-young-composer-2021>



### Inset Day in July

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July will now become an inset day to replace the one that did not take place on Monday 24 February 2021.



### Fix Your Bike Vouchers

Did you know the Government is running a Fix Your Bike scheme, whereby they are offering members of the public vouchers worth up to £50 towards the cost of repairing a bike!

For more information and how you can apply click [here](#).



## FOCUS



### Extra-Curricular Clubs are back!

**Tuesday 27/04 – Year 9 Football and Year 9 Rounders**  
**Wednesday 28/04 Year 7 Football and Year 7 Rounders**  
(Students wanting to take part in football will need to wear shinpads and football boots)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

**Local Governing Body Meeting** – 27/04  
**First May Bank Holiday** – 03/05  
**Second May Bank Holiday** – 31/05

Click [here](#) to view our term dates.



## NEWS

Click [here](#) to view our latest news articles.

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