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Re: Lifting the Limits

Dear Parents/Carers,

This academic year, our school is working on an exciting pilot project with the charity [Lifting Limits](#). Lifting Limits are committed to delivering gender equality through education, with a particular focus on challenging gender stereotypesⁱ. The charity has extensive experience of working with primary schools and successfully completed a pilot project in five schools in 2019, which you can read more about [here](#).

Our school is part of the next pilot project of the charity that will involve all year groups. Mrs Falvo, one of our teachers, has received two days of training from Lifting Limits and then trained our whole staff team as part of a September INSET day. As well as training, the charity has also provided us with a bank of resources and lessons to support gender equality and to challenge gender stereotypes across all subjects and year groups. These lessons look at the significant achievements of females who are/have been in predominately male occupied roles and industries, and vice versa. The programme is not about making boys and girls the same. Rather it is about heading off the limiting effects of gender stereotyping on children's choices, behaviours, aspirations and achievements. For example, evidence shows that careers in science, engineering and business are still overwhelmingly filled by males, whilst this is the opposite in care industries.

As part of this pilot project, Lifting Limits are asking that as many families as possible complete this survey by **Friday 14th October**. It will take approximately 5 minutes to complete online via the link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-nrJneW0IUehLEIhLT7jtBYXccG53iJJvVuKgTxEYqIUMVI4TUJKQ1ZXTFNQQUg1VkpTVUs3WDgwRi4u&wdLOR=cE08F948C-7C4B-40E6-9A93-7BE52402C2E2>

As a school, we are very much looking forward to engaging with this project so that we can educate our pupils about challenging gender stereotypes, whilst also promoting high aspirations for all of our pupils.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Graham
Principal

ⁱ Gender stereotypes: Widely held assumptions about people based on their gender. This may include how they act, speak, dress and conduct themselves.