

As Children's Commissioner, I'm writing to ask for your support in helping children at your school or college take part in my national survey, The Big Future.

Your students can take part here:

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

As schools and colleges enter the final weeks of the academic year, this is a valuable opportunity for children and young people to reflect on their experiences, share what matters most to them, and tell us about their hopes and ambitions for the future in their own words.

I want to hear from children and young people aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country. The survey asks about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they would like to see in their communities, and what they believe a good childhood should look like today.

Participation in The Big Future also provides schools with an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to civic engagement. The findings will help inform national conversations and decision-making about children's lives and futures at the highest levels.

Schools and colleges with the highest response levels will receive formal recognition and will be invited to attend my final Festival of Childhood, celebrating the voices and contributions of children and young people from across England.

To support you, I have created a pack of resources, including an introductory video, lesson materials and FAQs, all available on [my website](#).

I will publish the findings next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures for years to come.

As ever, thank you so much for your support.

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England