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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a really lovely Easter and have now become accustomed to the regular routines of home/school life once more.

As the Nation continues to progress towards what we hope will be the full lifting of COVID restrictions on 21st June, some of the changes which we were required to implement, have worked so well for us in school that we wish to continue them as our new norm.

The children, via the school Council representatives and staff have been asked for their views and the top five suggestions for continuation are:

1. Staggered year group playtimes and lunchtimes – *the children in particular preferred this arrangement as there is more space on the playground, fewer accidents and fewer friendship issues.*
2. Children wearing PE kit on PE day – *the children said there is more time for PE and we don't lose our kit !*
3. Staggered start and finishing times, with parents in lines – *the children said the other children behaved better.*
4. Edmodo for remote learning, weekend homework and engaging parents – *less paper required.*
5. Enhanced cleaning and pupil hygiene – *the children liked that everyone was more aware of the need to be hygienic to keep themselves and others safe.*

In addition to our school reflection of the past year, **The Big Ask** has been launched on behalf of Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England. Her job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want, particularly following the COVID pandemic.

She says 'We need your help to do it. This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. We'll use what you tell us to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives'.



This survey will only take you and your child 5-10 minutes and is aimed at different age ranges.

Just click on the most appropriate link below to enable your child to have a say. There is one for adults too!

Age 4-5 <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/survey-4-5/>

Age 6-8 <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/survey-6-8/>

Age 9-12 <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/survey-9-12/>

Adults <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/adults/>

Very many thanks for your support.

Kind regards

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