CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

Good afternoon,

I am delighted to announce that today I am launching 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children and young people across the country. I wanted to update you on 'The Big Ambition' survey before it goes live tomorrow on Thursday, September 14th. It is embargoed until 00.01, so please do not share more widely before then.

Now, as we approach the General Election, I am clear that it is a crucial moment to take children and young people's voices to policymakers and the Government, to make sure they are heard.

That is why, through 'The Big Ambition' survey I want to hear from children and young people about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world. I am also asking what they want for their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 0 to 18. Children aged 6 to 18 can complete the survey themselves. For those who may need additional support or for children under six parents and other adults can complete the survey on their behalf.

Schools are absolutely critical for me to be able to hear from as many children and young people as possible. That is why, I would appreciate your support and help in encouraging your school community to complete the survey. When the embargo breaks tomorrow, the survey can be completed here: **www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition** Through this link there is an easy read version and different questions based on the age of the child or young person. Tomorrow, 'The Big Ambition' **webpage** will also go live and includes resources and overviews of the survey.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England