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Dear Parents & Carers

Our Voice: Review, Support & Change Project

We are inviting children and young people to join in with an exciting opportunity! Our Voice is Kirklees Children and Young People's Participation Programme. Our role is to ensure children and young people can be part of our decision making processes and involved in service design, review and delivery.

As we respond to Covid-19, we want to ensure young people's lived experiences influence our approach to 'living with Covid-19' and that decisions made are informed by and anchored in the wishes, feelings and ideas of young people.

Therefore, we would like to ask children at Diamond Wood Community Academy, to complete a rainbow activity. This asks them what they will be looking forward to in 2021 and if there is anything from this year that they will be happy to wave 'goodbye'. By participating, all children will receive a recognition certificate.

All responses will be anonymised and collated into a report which will be shared, with School across the Council and Partner Agencies, including those which support Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing. The original rainbow artworks will be returned to school for a special display. Parents and Carers would be able to access the report via the Kirklees Safeguarding Children Partnership website.

If you have any enquiries or would like to discuss the project further, then please get in touch with Kay Parry (Young People's Voice & Influence Worker) on 07814 791744 or email ourvoice@kirklees.gov.uk. If you do not wish for your young person to participate, please make school aware by Monday 14th December 2020.

To find out more about what Our Voice does please visit:

<https://www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk/young-peoples-voice/reports-our-voice>

Kind regards

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