



Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to share with you some information we have received from the Department for Education about the Great British Summer Savings scheme, along with details of the Children's Commissioner's The Big Future Survey.

Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is inviting children and young people across the country to take part in The Big Future Survey.

The survey aims to find out what it is like to be a child or young person in England today. These views will be taken to the Government to help them make life better for children. Findings will be published next year and will help shape the conversations and decisions that affect children and young people for years to come.

Pupils can complete the survey using the link below:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

Kind regards,

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