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Dear Parents,

One of the things the children have not been able to do during lockdown is sing together. We would like to make a recording of a song which has been written especially for children during lockdown. This will be done by editing videos of children singing the song in their own homes. The song is called 'Looking to the Rainbow' and has been written by Nick and Becky Drake. One school has already recorded it and can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAVCHH6ZO2s>

If your child would like to take part in this video, they need to have recorded themselves singing and E-mailed the video to me tpatient8nrv@nsix.org.uk by the end of this Friday (8th May). You can record using a smartphone, tablet, laptop, etc. The lyrics are on our website under the 'Looking to the Rainbow Song' tab but they are also linked here: [lyrics](#) and [backing track](#) (the backing track will probably download onto your device). When you have recorded the video, if it is too large to E-mail, please send it using <https://wettransfer.com/> I will send you an E-mail to confirm I have received your video.

There are a number of things you and your child need to know for the song:

1. Rehearse it so that you know the words off by heart.
2. Record it in portrait mode and **not landscape**.
3. If possible, use headphones to listen to the backing track while you are recording yourself singing so that your video only includes your voice and not the backing track as well.
4. If there are two or more siblings at the school who would like to take part, please can they be recorded separately.
5. Children in any year group can take part.
6. Smile when you record yourself.
7. Turn on the grid on your camera (probably in 'settings') and try to have your eyes, nose and mouth in the middle of the screen.
8. Try to have a light shining on your face and close curtains if they are behind you.
9. The start of the video is critical. You will hear '1...2...1.2.3.4'. It is very important that you clap exactly on the number '4' of the introduction and that your clap is on camera. Your 'clap' will be edited out of the final version.

Please note that the school will upload the video to various social media outlets (Youtube, Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Patient.