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12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

As you are all aware, at The Solent Schools, we value the diversity of our school community and we are always looking out for opportunities to raise awareness for those children who may find learning more of a challenge. This year, we have decided to participate in the National Down Syndrome “**Rock Your Socks**” celebration on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**, which coincides with Down Syndrome Awareness Day on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, everyone is invited to come to school wearing funky, colourful or odd socks for the day. Socks are a similar shape to chromosomes and Down Syndrome is caused by the presence of an extra chromosome in a baby’s cells. By wearing “different” socks, The Portsmouth Down Syndrome Society is hoping to highlight the importance of tolerance and acceptance, and to celebrate the wonderful differences which make us all so unique!

**This is not a fundraiser and so we will not be collecting any money. This is an opportunity to celebrate diversity, share information and raise awareness.**

We hope that you will support this worthy cause and we look forward to seeing those funky socks on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wilby  
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred  
Head of School

Mrs Curthoys  
Head of School



ROCK YOUR SOCKS



for  
THE JOY OF DIVERSITY  
on MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY