

# SINGING PROJECT

## 'Looking to the Rainbow'



As a Church school we spend time every day in the act of Worship where the whole school comes together as a community in a time to reflect, pray and sing. As a school, we LOVE singing and the children are always enthusiastic about new songs.

As we can't be together just now, we would like the children to take part in something which we believe will make us all feel we are still together even though we are apart at this time.

I am sure you will have seen many videos being made of choirs singing in isolation in various forms on the news or social media. Each one is wonderful and so we have decided to create a St. Anne's whole school singing video with a beautiful song which links nicely to the Christian value of HOPE.

The song we have for you to perform is called Looking to the Rainbow. It has been written especially for schools to perform during the Covid-19 lockdown by Nick & Becky Drake (Worship for Schools Organisation). They write songs for schools to use in their daily acts of worship and this song is perfect as a rainbow is the symbol of Hope, something we all need at the moment.

Use the link below to watch Becky and The Blue Coat School Chapel Choir from Birmingham performing the song from isolation. Our aim is to create our own St. Anne's version with as many of our wonderful children as possible singing from home in isolation.

<https://youtu.be/GAVCHH6ZO2s>

## SO HOW DO WE DO IT?

Here is the important information you will need to follow to make sure your video is good quality and can be included in the overall final video.

**Please ensure your children wear their school uniform during the video.**

- Record your video in PORTRAIT. Record the singer on a smartphone. The camera and mic quality is good enough nowadays for this job. It also makes sharing the finished video easy. Get someone to hold the phone for the singer.
- Siblings need to be in a separate video
- Look up, look happy and SMILE! It would be good to have a lamp shining on their face if possible. Make sure curtains are closed behind them -we need to see their smiley faces!!
- Use headphones to listen to the backing track as you sing along. This means you only record your voice and not the backing track as well.
- Ideally we want the singers to have the same eye line in our finished video - so if you turn on the grid in the camera settings and aim for the eyes to be in the middle section.
- **The start of the video is critical.** As you start to record your child singing, you will need them to CLAP on the 4th beat of the 2nd bar - you will hear the voice over cue say 1, 2, 1,2,3,4. The singers MUST clap on that 4th beat because that is how we will synchronise all the singers at the same time...
- Please learn the words so you know the song off by heart as we don't want you holding the words in your hand
- Email your video by 5pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Please make sure the name and class ( e.g. Year 4 @H) in clear in the email. Your video will not be included if you send it after this time.

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- THE EDITING TAKES THE LONGEST TIME.

**WORDS / LYRICS** – LOOKING TO THE RAINBOW see separate file to print them.

We intend to circulate our completed video Facebook and Twitter as well as the school website and so need permission if we do not already have this.