

Dear Parent or Carer

### We're taking part in Let's Count!

We're delighted to be taking part in Let's Count!, the exciting, award-winning schools programme that helps children learn about the census and why it matters to everyone.

### What is Census 2021?

The next census is taking place on **Sunday 21 March 2021**. The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. This helps to plan and fund public services in our local area. By taking part in the census, you will make sure that your voice is heard, to help build a better future for your children and our local community.

You will receive a letter in the post from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). You will then need to fill in the census questionnaire on Sunday 21 March 2021 or as soon as possible after. You can visit **[www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)** to find more information on how to fill in your census questionnaire.

### What is Let's Count!?

The ONS and resources centre, iChild, developed Let's Count! to teach children about the census in a fun way. The resources feature cartoon 'Counter Cat' characters, which are designed to help with the learning process. They support children's learning both in the classroom and at home. Each cat has their favourite subject: Splotch loves art, Doc loves history, Digit loves maths, Scribble loves English and Scout loves geography.



### Let's Count! Day

On our Let's Count! Day, children will count things around our school or local area and collect data on subjects that matter to them. The information gathered will be used to make a display, which we will use to enter the Let's Count! competition. **Prizes will be awarded to the best entries, with £1,000 worth of equipment going to the winning school.**

Explore Let's Count! at: **[www.letscount.org.uk](http://www.letscount.org.uk)**

