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Dear Parents & Carers,

'Future Careers Week' at Oakham

We intend to run a 'Future Careers Week' in school on Monday 23rd – Friday 27th June and would appreciate the support of as many families as possible. Our vision for this event is support our children's wider personal development and to develop an awareness and aspiration to the wide variety of careers on offer in today's society.

It would be great for parents and carers to visit a classes/year groups to briefly describe their occupation, the good and bad points of their employment and their careers pathway, followed by a few questions from the children. Any uniforms, equipment, props or tools are always a good aid to discussions with the children!

Ideally, each class would have visitors during the week from as wide a range of occupations as possible and these experiences would then be shared by the children between key stage phases later in the week along with their personal reflections and ideas for possible future careers.

Recent research highlights that they are influenced by what they see around them, and that gender and socio-economic stereotyping can play a big part in this. It showed that only 1% of children had learnt about a job from someone visiting their school, 36% based their career aspirations on someone they know with 45% being influenced by TV, film or radio. More worryingly, these aspirations have little in common with the actual jobs available.

So, please don't be shy: if you are interested in participating in our Future Careers week then complete this [Expression of Interest form](#), by Friday 13th June, and we'll be in touch. We value all offers and will do our best to share out visitors across both key stage 1 (Y1 & 2) and key stage 2 (Y3-6).

Yours faithfully,

Mr N.Skett

