

Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your families are well, keeping healthy and staying safe.

During this very difficult time, Art can be a great form of expressive therapy that uses the creative process of making artwork to improve a child's physical, mental, and emotional well-being. At the same time capturing a young artists' creative imagination, originality, and skill.

As the Art subject leader, I have been looking for opportunities, beyond school, for our children and families to take part in national Art projects. We would like to invite you to take part in The **Young Artists' Summer Show 2021 by Royal Academy of Arts**. For more than 250 years, the Royal Academy has committed to leading the way in championing the importance of the arts and creative thinking in education. The Young Artists Summer Show is a free, open submission annual exhibition for young people aged 5 – 19 years. This year, it is still open for submission despite the lockdown and the summer exhibition of the selected artwork will be held online in July.

There is no official theme for the show this year, but we thought it would be a great idea for the children to celebrate talent from around the world by researching the Japanese artist **Yayoi Kusama**, also known as the 'princess of polka dots', as all her artwork feature dots. We would like the children to use **Yayoi's** fun and unique style to create their own piece of art. The artwork can be a drawing, painting, sculpture, mixed media, textile, photography or performance art.



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If you would like your child to take part, simply encourage your child to create a piece of artwork and send a photograph of the artwork to me at the following email address: office@fivespiresacademy.co.uk

Please also include a title for the artwork, a brief description and the completed the permission form attached.

The deadline for **submission** is **Wednesday 22nd April 2021**. We will then make the selections and inform you if your child's work has been selected for submission to the show.

Remember to have fun and we look forward to seeing some of the fabulous artwork.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Rebecca Preston



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