

Friday 13th March 2026

World Down's Syndrome Day – Saturday 21st March 2026

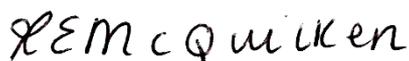
Dear Parents and Carers,

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 raise awareness for the charity, Raising Twenty1, with a "Lots of Socks" celebration on **Friday 20th March**. This coincides with World Down's Syndrome Day on Saturday 21st March 2026.

On **Friday 20th March**, everyone is invited to come to school wearing funky, colourful or mismatched socks for the day. Socks are a similar shape to chromosomes and Down's Syndrome is caused by the presence of an extra chromosome, specifically three copies of the 21st chromosome.

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 exciting socks on **Friday 20th March**.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R McQuilken

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