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12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Young Voices is not far away now. The children have been learning the remaining few songs and as they are not allowed song words on the day they must know all the songs off by heart!

The arrangements for the day are below.

**Prior to the day of the concert:**

- There are no paper tickets this year. You will receive an email asking you to download the O2 Venue app. You do not need to create an account. In the app simply click on 'My Tickets' to view your allocated seats. Please do this as a priority so that we can help with any problems and ensure you have your tickets available to show on arrival at the event.

**What the children need to bring on the day of the concert (19<sup>th</sup> January 2023):**

- Please send the children in wearing their Young Voices t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt and school trousers (black leggings are permitted as school trousers but please no jeans). It is imperative that the children have their school logo jumper/cardigan with them on the day. This is so they can wear them when we are moving around the arena so that they are easily identifiable; there will be 7,500 other children there!
- Children must bring a coat as they will have to walk from and back to the coach park. Please do not send in hats, scarves, gloves etc. as they will easily get lost.
- **The children will need a packed tea.** We will eat lunch at school before we leave and our packed tea in between the rehearsal and performance later that day. Please pack their tea in a labelled carrier bag. This way they can be thrown away and the children don't have to worry about carrying a lunchbox at the end of the concert (no glass bottles/fizzy drinks in their packed tea please).
- The children will be singing all day so please pack plenty of water for them. Sports bottles or throw away bottles will be best. Please don't send expensive water bottles as they could easily be lost throughout the day and no fruit juice or fizzy drinks.

**What will the day look like for the children?**

- The coach will pick us up on the 19<sup>th</sup> January at about 12 noon. The children will then travel to the O2 arena with Mrs Deed, Miss Taylor and Miss Meldon.
- At 1.30pm the children will begin to be seated for the rehearsal.
- At 2.00pm the children will start their rehearsal.
- At 5pm the children get a break and an opportunity to eat their packed tea.
- At 6.30pm the children will go back into the arena and take their seats before the concert begins. This is when doors open for the parents to be seated.
- At 7pm the concert starts.

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***Inspired by Psalm 119:105***

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- I have been advised to tell you by Young Voices that no video cameras will be allowed into the arena. Anyone bringing one does this at their own risk and it may be confiscated by the arena. Also professional cameras are prohibited (this is any camera on which a lens can be removed). Normal cameras are fine! A DVD of the concert is being made which can be ordered after the event should you wish to.

### **Security at the O2**

- We have been advised by the O2 Arena that as an additional security measures parents are not allowed to bring bags/rucksacks into the venue
- A small handbag will be permitted
- Please make sure you allow additional time to go through security

### **What will happen at the end of the concert?**

- The concert is due to finish at approximately 9.15pm. We cannot leave until told to do so by the Young Voices staff.
- The children will put on their jumpers/cardigans before leaving and we will also provide them with a sticky label showing a contact number for one of us. This is to provide another layer of safety for the children – not that we are expecting to need it!
- **All children will come back on the coach with the staff.** We have decided to take the Young Voices advice not to meet parents or allow children to be picked up from the O2. This is for the children's safety which I'm sure is your main concern also.
- When we are on our coach and are making our way back to school we will send a text to all parents giving an estimated time of arrival back at school. We expect our return arrival to be somewhere between 11pm and 11.30pm.

### **The next day:**

- We appreciate that the day will be extremely exciting for the children and a late evening meaning they will be tired the next day. Therefore, we are happy for the children to start later the next day. If the children need some extra time to recover they may come into school for 10.30am and will not be classed as late. Anyone not arriving after this time will be marked as late/absent and the absence may be unauthorised. This is not compulsory and if you feel your child is ok to come at normal time that is obviously what we would prefer!
- **If your child is coming in late and would like a school dinner, this must be ordered the day before. Please email the school office with their dinner choice.**

I really hope that you and the children enjoy this amazing opportunity.

Happy singing!



Miss Taylor  
Head of School

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