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Dear Parent/Carers,

Information for Young Voices Performance at the O2- Friday 23rd January 2026

Please provide contact details for the day of the concert on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/cxMSXmB7pnWcwSb99>

Our Young Voices performance at the O2 is fast approaching, this is a really exciting event which I'm sure you're aware the children have been working very hard for. In order for this to be an enjoyable, successful day there are a number of things that I need to let you know.

On the day of the event the children need to arrive at school at the normal time dressed in their Young Voices t-shirt (these were given to the children before Christmas), school sweat shirt and black trousers or a skirt. Girls may wear leggings rather than tights for extra warmth but will still need to wear their school skirt. They will need to wear school shoes that are secure on their feet or dark coloured trainers and a warm coat. We will be giving the children a hi-visibility top to wear over their coat to help ensure their safety when arriving and leaving the O2. We will be leaving school at around 11:00am.

Equipment to bring

Your child will need to bring a ruck sack with their equipment for the day. The reason it needs to be a ruck sack is because at the end of the concert the children form a line holding onto each other's ruck sacks which ensures we all stay together! In the ruck sack they will need the following:

- A packed lunch. We will eat this when we arrive at the O2 before our afternoon rehearsal. The packed lunch should be like the one that they bring to school. No sweets, fizzy drinks or glass bottles please. We would also ask you to avoid including shellfish and nut products so that our children with allergies are safe.
- A bottle of water, this is the best form of drink to bring for when we are singing a lot.
- A packed tea. We will eat this between the end of the rehearsal and the beginning of the concert.
- Something to do on the coach if they wish. No phones or electronic games please.
- The mini torch that came in the t-shirt pack.

- Any medication including travel sickness tablets. These need to be sent into school with instructions of when they should be taken and given to a member of staff accompanying them. Your child may need to take a tablet before we leave school and then in the evening before we leave the O2, please could you make this clear on the envelope.

Cameras and Video Equipment

Young Voices have asked us to advise you that video equipment and SLR cameras with large removable lenses are strictly prohibited in the arena. You are however allowed to take photographs a phone for your own personal use. If you have any small binoculars it's worth bringing them so that you can spot your child in the choir.

Security Information on Bags

Please bring as small a bag as possible, this will aid a speedy passage through security. The following link explains the O2's latest security and bag policy and other useful information for parents <https://yvmusicroom.com/teacher/music-room/media/364>

Parent Tickets and Concert Information

All tickets that you ordered through the school are digital. They will be transferred to you over the next few days if they have not arrived already. Please follow the information on the notification email on how to download your tickets to your phone

The doors at the O2 open to parents at 5:50pm and the concert starts at 7pm. To ensure there are no delays at the doors, Young Voices request that E tickets are printed or downloaded onto your phone prior to arriving and ready to display on screens. The concert ends at approximately 8:45pm and there is no interval.

Having checked the O2 website, it would seem that tickets for our night are sold out. If you find you have a spare ticket, even on the day of the concert, please let us know as in the past we had parents requiring extra tickets right up until the last minute.

After the Concert

When the concert finishes, as you can imagine there are thousands of people all trying to leave the arena at the same time. There is extra security in place this year and the children's safety is obviously paramount, for this reason we are bringing all the children back on their coach to be collected by you from Grove Wood. The concert finishes at 8:45pm which should mean we arrive back at school at around 11pm. Parents leave the Arena before the children and so you will almost certainly make it back to school before we do.

Contact Number

On the day of the concert if you need to get a message to us during school hours you can do so through the school office. If you need us after school hours you can phone the school mobile on 07593 654822. We will have your contact numbers with us should we need you (please see link at the top of this letter).

YV Music Room

The Young Voices Music Room is an extremely useful resource for your child. The information of how to access this was sent to you earlier this year and I know many of the children have been rehearsing at home. It's not too late to have a last minute practice before the big day!

Video of the Concert

There will be an opportunity to purchase a video of the concert that we are taking part in. This year the video is going to be available to download and can be ordered through the Young Voices Music Room in the same place as you purchased your tickets.

Food and Merchandise

Please note that the O2 operates a cashless system. There are many food and beverage outlets if you require refreshments. The arena stands sell programmes and other related Young Voices merchandise.

Apologies for sending so much information in one go! We hope you enjoy this event as much as we've enjoyed preparing for it. If you have any further questions, please contact me and I will do my best to answer them.

Yours truly,
Mrs Snoxall

