

Young Voices Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to the Young Voices event in The O2 which is fast approaching - we hope your children are too! Below, you will find the plans for the day and any additional information that we need:

The children should arrive at school at their normal time and we will leave school at approximately 9.30 to travel by coach to The O2.

Clothing

We will hand out the YV t-shirts on the morning, so we ask that the children come into school with their normal school uniform - school shirt and school sweatshirt. If they are not wearing a YV t-shirt, please can they wear a **plain white t-shirt**. Comfortable shoes are needed too, along with a warm, waterproof coat and we would suggest a warm hat and gloves depending upon the weather forecast on the day – both getting into and leaving the O2 takes considerable time! Please can you make sure that all clothing is named. Young Voices has said nobody is allowed to wear hats, big hair accessories like bows or any other large accessories for the rehearsal and performance.

What to take

The children need to take **one bag** containing all of their belongings. They need **two packed** meals so that they can have one for their lunch and a packed tea before the performance. The children may need to bring all rubbish back home in their bag, as I do not know if we can leave rubbish at the venue. No fizzy drinks please but the children will need to take lots of drinks as we may not be able to refill water bottles.

Points of Contact

The children are not permitted to take mobile phones or other electrical devices. We will take the school mobile phone with us so that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

We will ask you to supply us with two emergency contact numbers in case we need to contact you for any reason during the day.

Timings

We should arrive at The O2 and have our packed lunch there at approximately 12.30. There will be a rehearsal in the afternoon and then the concert starts at 7. The concert will finish at approximately 8.45pm/9.00pm however due to the large number of people trying to leave the O2, we will not be able to make a swift exit. We are estimating our return time as being midnight. If this changes significantly, we will message parents with an updated ETA. If you arrive at school before the coach, the gates to the campus will be locked. They will be unlocked when we arrive so that parents can

enter the site and park in the nursery car park before collecting children from the bus bay in front of Wyvern's Science Block.

It is lovely to see that a number of parents and carers are going to be joining us at the O2. At the end of the concert, all of the children will stay with school staff and return to the coach before travelling back to school together. With so many children and adults leaving the concert at the same time, it would be too difficult to attempt to reunite children and parents at the O2.

Medical

We need any relevant information about medical issues and medication needed for your child. We also need details of any **relevant allergies or travel sickness requirements** that we need to be aware of. All medication, including inhalers, will be carried by the adult responsible for your child's group. It is vital that all members of staff are aware of all relevant medical issues and allergies so please complete the reply slip carefully and notify us if anything changes between completing this and the 22nd January. Please can any medication be handed to the adults leading the trip on Thursday 22nd January. It should be clearly labelled with your child's name alongside details of what needs to be administered and at what time. In the case of travel sickness tablets, please state the quantity required and time to be taken before travelling.

Friday 23rd January

We will look forward to seeing all of our Young Voices Choir in school on **Friday 23rd January**. As the Thursday is such an exciting and long day, children can arrive on Friday for either the start of the normal school day or at **10.30am** so that they are ready for learning after break. If your child is not coming to school for the normal start time, please notify the school office before 9am so that we know that they are at home and safe with you, and order their hot school dinner if they will be having one. This absence will be recorded as authorised.

Tickets

For those of you that have ordered tickets, I will update you in January when we have received them. I will then need to transfer them to you via an app but I will confirm how to do this when I receive the tickets.

Please complete the information on the reply slip on the following page and return it to school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Legg



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Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Emergency contact numbers

Please provide details of two emergency contacts who will be available if required on 22nd January.

Name		
Relationship to child		
Emergency number		

Photographs and videos

I understand that Fair Oak Junior School cannot guarantee that Young Voices will not take photographs or videos of participants.

I give permission for my child to be photographed by Fair Oak staff and am happy that these could appear on the website or newsletters.

Medical Information and consent

Please detail below any allergies/medical information (including inhalers and travel sickness medication) that we should be aware of:

Recent legislation requires us to ask your permission that, in the unlikely event of an emergency where your son/daughter is taken to hospital, an anaesthetic or any necessary medical treatment may be administered.

Please tick the box to indicate that permission is given.

We will be taking Calpol with us on the day. Please tick if you give consent for your child to be given Calpol if required.

Collection Arrangements

My child will be collected by: _____

Relationship to my child: _____

Signed: _____