

Dear parent/carer,

As I'm sure you are aware, the Young Voices concert is only in a few weeks and the big night is nearly upon us! I just wanted to remind you of some of the expectations for the day, as well as some finer details you should know to make sure it goes as smoothly as possible.

The Big Day (Friday 20th January)

Children will come into school at the usual time. The timetable for the day is as follows:

- 10am** – briefing with school adults in hall
- 11am** – board coach to go to O2 Arena
- 12-12.30pm** – arrive at O2 Arena, alight coach to head into arena, toilets, lunch
- 1pm** – enter venue, get seated – refill bottles and toilet breaks as required
- 2pm** – rehearsals begin
- 5pm** – 'tea break' – have snack, go to toilet, refill water bottles
- 6.30pm** – 'tea break' finishes, return to seats, prep for concert
- 7-8.45pm** – Young Voices concert
- 9pm** – head back to coach
- 9.30-9.45** – coach to depart for school
- 10.45-11** – coach return to school, parents/carers to collect children

Food and Drink

As it is going to be a very long day/evening out for our children, it is vitally important that they can feed and hydrate themselves throughout.

For **all** children, the school will provide a snack at **10am** when they are gathered in the hall.

For those children entitled to **free school meals**, the school will provide them a packed lunch only – parents/carers will be expected to provide something they can have as an evening meal.

For everyone else, parents/carers will be expected to provide both lunch and an evening meal for their child.

Although there will be some opportunities for children to get additional water at the venue, we advise that children bring two water bottles with them on the day. The O2 has specified that **no glass bottles** are permitted in the venue.

YV at Home

As mentioned previously, your child can access lyric videos, dance videos and more by following the link below <https://myclassmate.ai/parentRegisterReferral?code=7LKj0q9mb4bHaHZT> and registering for access.

Alternatively, you can access a Spotify playlist of the Young Voices 2023 repertoire here: [Spotify – Young Voices Uk Music Pack 2023](#). The lyric books is also attached with this email.

The more our children immerse themselves in and learn the repertoire, the more prepared they will be for the big day, so we advise that they practise it at home whenever possible, as well as in school.

Tickets

If you have bought tickets to come and watch the event, you will soon receive an email with a link to download your ticket.

Make sure you get the Axs app so you can download them to your phone if you haven't already. You will need it to enter the venue on the night of the concert.

iOs: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/axs-tickets/id679805463>

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.axs.android&hl=en_GB&gl=US

Please get in touch with the school if you're having trouble downloading the app/ticket to your phone or if you've changed your email address. Please also check the junk/spam folder in your email to make sure the ticket link hasn't ended up there.

After the concert

Whether you attend the concert as an audience member or not, parents/carers will be expected to pick their child up from school when the coach returns from the venue, which will be at approximately 11pm.

Other information

The dress code for the concert is a **white t-shirt/top** and comfortable, darkly-coloured trousers. Children are allowed to wear additional layers during the rest of the day but Young Voices have requested that all participants (including school adults) wear a white top for the concert itself.

If you would like a video recording of your children's Young Voices concert, you can pre-order your own copy from here: [Young Voices \(yv23film.co.uk\)](http://YoungVoices(yv23film.co.uk)). You can get a taste of the videos from last year here: <https://youtu.be/1y89gG29bkk>

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We can't wait for your child to take part in this incredible event!

Mr. Merritt-Hall

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