

Info about the Young Voices Concert at the O2 - Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Dear Parents,

This letter is for parents who are coming to watch their children sing at the O2.

Here are hopefully the FINAL DETAILS for the O2 concert happening on **Wednesday 22nd January**. Please could children listen to the songs at home as often as possible. They need to google Young Voices 2025, click on the menu on the right hand side and then Children's Music Room. Then click on Parent Login, register your child if you haven't already and then you should be able to access all the song and dance teaching videos. Alternatively, search Young Voices 2025 in Spotify or Amazon Music.

What children should wear

Children should come to school wearing suitable NON-UNIFORM (dark trousers/jeans) and **MUST** make sure they bring their Young Voices T-shirt or plain white T-shirt with them if they don't start the day wearing it. We want the children to feel comfortable, as befits a fun special event, but also represent the school in a positive way. We are aware that it can get hot in the auditorium, but obviously children need to be warm when outside. Your good judgement will be much appreciated!

Food

All children attending the O2 will need to have a packed lunch AND a packed tea. (Please avoid fizzy drinks.) They will eat their packed lunch slightly earlier than normal and then take their packed tea with them to the O2. (As we only have a short tea break, please ensure that the packed tea is a sensible size which can be eaten reasonably quickly!)

A couple of extra bottles of water are advised to avoid dehydration when singing for a long period of time. Children are allowed to bring **one sensible size pack of sweets** on the trip. (No huge family size bags please and avoid chocolate.)

Other things to bring

- All belongings will need to be carried by the children and must fit under their choir seats in the auditorium. Therefore, I would suggest a **small rucksack** containing food to eat at tea time and extra drinks. Maybe some tissues and/or hand wipes.
- **Asthma pumps/ any required medication.** This should be placed in a clear plastic bag and labelled with child's name. Add any necessary instructions and then remind your child to hand this to his/her group leader. For safeguarding reasons, please note that parents are not allowed to enter the 'backstage' area where the performers are, even to hand over medication.
- **Young Voices T-shirt (if purchased) OR a plain WHITE t-shirt.** If you purchased a YV T-shirt, then the children can put these on just before we get on the coach to go to the O2.

- **Optional extra items:**

If you have a **SMALL** pair of binoculars at home, then your child may bring these. We found these useful when trying to spot parents in the audience.

- If possible, please bring a tin - soup, meat, fish and/or veg to be handed in to FareShare, a charity that collects and distributes items to the homeless.

Children should not bring their own phones or anything else which is of considerable value.

Schedule (for the children)

- Coach leaves school 11:45am
- Children rehearsals 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Concert starts at 7:00pm
- Concert ends at 8:45pm

ALL children travel back on coach and are expected back at school **any time between 10:30pm and 11:15pm. (Traffic and queues permitting!)** Please note that parents who are coming to the concert must also meet their children from school since it is not safe to try and find one or two parents amongst the thousands who could potentially be there! Parents leave the arena first and in past experiences, these parents have always arrived before the children's coach gets back. We will send a parent text once we are on our journey home.

When we arrive back, we would be grateful if you could wait by the side of the coach and we will send the children out one at a time in order to ensure their safety. Children **will only** be allowed to go home with the adult who was named on the permission slip.

Please also note that the O2 Venue Staff will NOT allow parents to take children from across barriers or come 'backstage' to visit performers before or after the concert. There will be 9 adults accompanying the children on trip so rest assured, your children will be well cared for.

Schedule (for parents who are coming to the concert)

N.B The coach is just for pupils and staff as we have to be at the O2 much earlier in the day. Parents who have bought tickets need to make their own way to the O2 later in the day.

- Parents may take their seats in the arena from 6:00pm onwards. Shout outs will happen between 6:30pm and 7pm so that as parents take their seats they will be able to see where their school are situated.
- Concert starts at 7pm and ends at 8:45pm.
- Please could the adult indicated on the permission slip be ready to collect their child from school at approx. 10:30pm. We will send a parent text to update you.

If you are coming to watch the concert, then it might be worth finding out about parking cars and pre-booking spaces. You might also want to arrange car shares with other parents?

Spotting your children amongst the massed choirs might be tricky! To help, we will have our school banner held up by some of our children and staff will try to contact one or two parents in the audience prior to the start of the concert. Maybe we can all wave or do some kind of signal using our torches!!

IN VIEW OF THE LENGTH OF THE DAY, children will not be required in school on Thursday 23rd January until 10:45am. They may of course arrive at any time between 08:45am and 10:45am if childcare does not permit.

We will contact parents by text or phone call if we are unable to travel to the event. If you do not hear from us, then assume arrangements are as planned.

I hope this will prove to be a very positive experience for all the children and we will do our best to wave at you! Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions,

Kind regards

Mrs Julier (on behalf of Bapchild staff)

PS Young Voices advise that they will ensure all tickets and t-shirts should arrive to school a week before the concert. We will then issue these out to the email address you gave when you signed your child up for the event.

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Name of child..... Class.....

- In the event of an emergency or severe delay, I wish you to contact:

Name of parent Tel. No:

My son/ daughter will be collected by from Bapchild School and we understand we will receive a parent text to confirm the time. (We hope it will be between 10:30pm - 11:15pm)

- My son/daughter does/ does not have any specific medical complaints which staff need to be aware of. (Please give details if necessary)

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- In the event of my child requiring emergency treatment and the adult in charge being unable to contact me, I give consent for a member of staff to approve the application of any emergency treatment including anaesthetic advised by the medical authorities for the wellbeing of my child.
- I give/ do not give permission for my child to appear in photos and videos which we might share on our school website or on a display in school.

Signed..... Date: