

26 September 2023

Dear Parents

On Friday 19 January 2023, our Young Voices concert takes place at the O2 in London. The children in Year 5 will be part of a choir numbering several thousand and I am writing to ask if your child would like to participate?

We will travel to London by coach, leaving school at 10:00am. We will have a hot meal at the Greenwich branch of Frankie and Benny's, before rehearsing between 2:15pm and 5:00pm at the O2. Next there will be a break, when the children will have a packed tea, before a 7pm concert. The show will end at around 9:15pm, so I estimate that we will be back to school at around 11:30pm. The children then have the weekend to recover!

There is an expectation that the children will do their best to learn the songs from memory. I will be helping them to do this during their weekly lessons at school and they should also learn the songs at home. To do this, please click on the link below which will then prompt you to create an account <https://yvmusicroom.com/parentRegisterReferral?code=MjQxNi8xNjk1NjQxODMx> You should then be able to add the name of your child and have the ability to access all the materials which we use at school. For your own data protection, I'm told that Young Voices do not store any of the information you input. The only school that has access to the link above is St Faith's. I've tested this and it seems to work, so please let me know if you have any problems with it. Fingers crossed!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to consent/not consent to your child taking part by **9 October**. Parents also have the option to purchase a Young Voices t-shirt for your child to wear during the concert. Please note, that it is *not* compulsory to buy a Young Voices t-shirt - a plain white one will do instead. Family and friends are welcome to attend and the option to purchase tickets and t-shirts are included in the form of consent. The cost of this trip is **£55.00** and will be included on your Spring Term invoice, issued at the end of the Autumn term along with payment for any tickets and t-shirts.

Should parents choose to attend, it is not an option for you to take your children home from the O2, as this can easily cause confusion and delay on our return journey. The children will be safer if we all remain in one group - the guidance from Young Voices also does not recommend individual pick-ups. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

I have taken children to perform at the O2 many times before, and can guarantee your child a very tiring, but enjoyable day, and one which I hope they will remember forever. It's not every day that you get the chance to sing in a huge arena such as the O2, as part of a choir of several thousand children!

Many thanks,

Mr P Ainsworth
Head of Music