

Final timings/checklist for Young Voices on Thursday 12th February

Overview of approximate timings:

8.45am	Arrive at school as normal
11.15am	Early lunch at school (hot school dinner recommended as the children will be having a packed tea)
11.45am	Depart from school
1.15-1.30pm	Arrive at the arena, go to seats
2pm	Rehearsal begins
5pm	Tea break
6pm	Audience starts to arrive
7pm	Concert begins
8.45pm	Concert finishes
10.30pm	Arrival back in school

Things to bring:

- Wear **black** (or dark) trousers/leggings/skirt with **Young Voices** T-shirt. You may wish to bring a cardigan/jumper too (your school one, if you want). Wear sensible shoes!
- Remember to bring a **jacket**. It will be dark when we leave the arena and we will have to walk to the bus.
- Your tiny **torch** (good idea to attach it to a hair bobble or wristband around your wrist)
- A **packed tea** and a few healthy snacks to eat before the rehearsal starts. Try to bring food that is not too messy to eat as we eat on our laps in our arena seats!
- **At least 3 drinks!** (singing all day and night is thirsty work!) No fizzy drinks or glass bottles please. Bottles are best as you can close and re-open your drink when you need to.
- A **SMALL carrier bag, drawstring bag or rucksack** to carry your food and drinks in (no large bags as they have to be stored under your seat!)
- You may wish to bring small binoculars (if you have any!) to help spot our supporters in the audience (this is optional!!)
- No phones please. We will bring school Ipads and take lots of pictures!
- No money is required.
- If your child needs an **inhaler** or any **travel sickness tablets**, please make sure these are clearly labelled and handed to a member of staff. (You will need to complete a medical form to give permission for us to administer this, as detailed in previous letter.)

For parents attending:

- If you need information on parking/public transport, please visit the Young Voices website (www.youngvoices.co.uk) or the Co-op Live Arena website
- Doors open from 5.30pm and the concert begins at 7pm. Arrive in plenty of time to allow for security checks/bag checks!
- Your first job when you arrive at your seats is to spot us! We have been allocated seats at the front of Block 311 (higher tier, just left of the centre) Look out for our Gobowen banner and

GIVE US LOTS OF WAVES!! You may wish to tell your child what colour top you will be wearing so they can spot you!

- You may wish to bring a pair of binoculars if you want a close-up view of your child singing/grooving.
- At the end of the concert, the audience are asked to leave their seats first, then the children are allowed to leave a block at a time.
- The choir will be dismissed after the audience and will go directly to their buses. This will enable us to leave as soon as possible, then we will reunite children with parents back at school. For safety reasons, Young Voices ask that parents do not collect children at the arena as it is SO busy (8000+ children plus parents!!!!) Our priority will be getting the children safely onto the bus. We have a ratio of 1 staff member to every 6 children so the children will be closely supervised.
- Please be aware of the bag restrictions for audience members, which can also be found on the arena website. NO LARGE BAGS OR BACKPACKS are allowed. There is also enhanced security for everyone's safety and peace of mind, so be prepared for security checks! The advice is to bring as little as possible.

For all parents:

- We expect to arrive back at school at approximately 10.30pm, depending on traffic and when we are dismissed, but we will update you once we are on our way via text message and the Young Voices Dojo page. The bus will be dropping off on the main road, opposite the church, as the street lighting is better here. Please allow room for the bus to pull in adjacent to the school yard.

After the show:

- The concert is recorded each night and it is possible to purchase the video digitally very soon after the concert! If you wish to order a digital video of the concert, you can do so by visiting the Young Voices website (www.youngvoices.co.uk) and selecting the tab 'YV26 Concert Video'. (The cost is £12.99)

If you have any other questions about arrangements for the day, please pop in, ring, or send a message via the Young Voices Dojo page

FINALLY, THANK YOU TO PARENTS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND TO PUPILS FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE!

IT'S GOING TO BE AMAZING!