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Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in Young Voices 2027. Young Voices is an amazing, large-scale choir concert that takes place at the Manchester Co-op Live Arena. This fantastic opportunity is open to any children in Year 4, 5 and 6 but places are limited so places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

How does it work?

We learn and practise a set of songs (and dance moves) over several months (in school and at home). On the day of the concert, we travel to Manchester at lunchtime and then, after a rehearsal in the afternoon, we will join thousands of other children in performing those songs together in an evening concert, with lighting, live band, singers, dancers and special guests. The concert begins at 7pm and finishes around 9pm. We would be back at school by about 11pm. It is a long day, but a truly unique and magical experience. Please visit www.youngvoices.co.uk or the YVTV YouTube channel for more information, video clips etc which will give you more of a flavour of the event.

When will it happen?

Our concert date is **Thursday January 28th**. Practices will be taking place during lunchtimes up until Christmas and there will also be practices one day after school during January and possibly December. Attendance at these practices is **compulsory** for all those taking part, or unfortunately children will not be able to attend the concert. **Please discuss this with your child so that they are aware of that they are committing to a lunchtime practice every week and also an after school practice as the concert date approaches.**

How much will it cost?

The cost of participating in Young Voices is subsidised by school, but we are asking for a contribution of **£20 per child**. This is towards the cost of transport to/from Manchester, a T-shirt, torch, lanyard and the registration fee. FOGS (Friends of Gobowen School) have kindly agreed to contribute towards the cost of the Young Voices T-shirts.

Audience tickets will be also available to order if required so that parents and other family members can come to Manchester to watch the concert if they wish. These cost £29 each, which is expensive compared to school concerts, but this is a large-scale

arena concert with the children as the performing artist! The concert experience from an audience point of view comes highly recommended; however, it will be totally up to you if you want to purchase a ticket - parents do not have to attend as children will return on the coach to school. We will take lots of photos and videos to share for those who cannot make it. If you do wish to come, just to pre-warn you, you will need to order and pay for any tickets by half term as the tickets sell out quickly.

What's next?

The most important thing now is to confirm who wants to take part. Please fill in the form attached to confirm your child's wish to commit to Young Voices and return the form to school by **Monday 21st September** at the latest. You will also need to indicate your child's T-shirt size and pay the £20 fee on the school app as soon as possible - you will find the payment on the 'Shop' tab. We will then give you more information on how to order audience tickets in the coming weeks.

Finally.....

This is an extra curricular activity, to enhance the Music curriculum that is already offered to all children. As such, we ask that children only participate if they are completely **committed** and **enthusiastic** as there is a lot of work involved to learn all the songs and dance moves. For this event, an interest/enthusiasm for music and singing is **essential**; they have to really want to put in the hard work. They **must** be prepared to practise at home (using the online resources) **AND** attend the lunchtime practices and after-school practices after Christmas. However, I can promise that it is **TOTALLY** worth all their hard work on the day, they will have the best time! Please get in touch if you have any questions at all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Boothby

Name of child _____ Year _____

- I give my permission for my child to attend the Young Voices concert at Manchester Co-op Live Arena on January 28th 2027.
- I am satisfied my child is committed to being a part of Young Voices. I will support him/her in learning and practising the songs at home and will ensure they attend all rehearsals
- I confirm that I have paid, or will shortly pay a donation of £20 on the school app ('Shop' tab) towards the costs of participating in Young Voices.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please provide a parental e-mail contact below for us to set up access to the online resources.

Please select an appropriate size T-shirt for your child below.

Age/description	Chest width	Length	Units ordered
Child (Small) 7-8	43cm	55cm	
Child (Medium) 9-11	46cm	60cm	
Child (Large) 12-13	48.5cm	65cm	
Child XL	48.5cm	69.5cm	
Child XXL	53.5cm	72cm	

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER
THAN MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER
REMEMBER PLACES ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!

