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Dear Parents/ Carers

**Young Voices Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

As the Young Voices concert is fast approaching, I thought I would write to finalise the details of the day.

What to bring

- Young Voices T-shirt (will be given out on the day)
- Dark trousers/skirt
- Packed lunch **and** tea
- Plenty of water. (No glass bottles will be allowed in the arena).
- A tin of food (to be donated to the FareShare charity after the concert)

NB: Due to enhanced security measures at the arena this year, arena security staff are being very strict about the size of bags brought into the arena. Please ensure that your child brings only the smallest sized bag necessary. Large backpacks may have to be removed to a holding area. Collecting these after the concert would considerably delay our exit after the concert. (This also applies to audience members' bags. Please try to avoid bringing bags larger than a standard sized handbag).

Itinerary

10.30 – Depart from school

12.45 – Arrive at the O2. Lunch

13.30 – Choir enter the arena and find their seats

14.15 – Rehearsal starts

17.00 – Break for tea

18.00 – Choir re-take their seats ready for audience arrival

19.00 – Concert commences

21.15 – Concert ends

As you will no doubt appreciate, exiting so many children from the arena is quite an operation and can take time. However we will hopefully be able to leave the arena by 22.00 and should return to school by midnight.

Although the concert doesn't begin until 19.00, we have been advised that getting into the arena will take longer than previously, due to enhanced security measures.

Therefore, all audience members **must be in the arena by 18.45**. Entry will not be guaranteed after this time. No audience members will be able to enter the arena until 18.00.

Some of you may wish to go straight to the concert in the evening. Due to the number of children performing, and the size of the audience, it will not be possible to collect children from the arena. In order to allow us to leave without delay, we would ask that all children return with us to school on the coach. All parents travelling with us on the coach will be informed where our coach will be parked and should meet us back at the coach to return home.

As this will be a very late night for the children, those performing need not arrive at school the next day until 10.45. Please note that this only applies to choir members and not siblings.

#### Additional information

- The concert organisers have informed us that no video cameras or professional SLR cameras will be allowed into the venue.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please speak to either Mrs Bilner or myself. We are all really looking forward to the concert and are sure we can rely on your support in making it a success.

Best regards

Mrs Marshall

