

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

The big day is fast approaching and we are writing to inform you about the running of the day. The children are required to attend an afternoon rehearsal at the arena before the evening performance and will be travelling to and from the O2 by coach. We will be leaving school mid-morning and will be remaining at the arena until the concert finishes at around 9.15pm. On the day the children will need:

- To come to school wearing their usual school uniform and their Young Voices t-shirt if purchased, if not a plain white t-shirt
- A packed lunch. **(If you would like the kitchen to provide your child with a packed lunch could you please indicate on the slip below and return it to school by Friday 13th)**
- A packed tea/dinner. **NO glass bottles are permitted.**
- Magazines or books to read during the coach journeys. We ask that **no** electrical devices or mobile phones are bought along. Members of school staff will have mobile phones with them throughout the day and will be in contact with school if necessary.

The children will remain seated in the arena for the majority of the day, supervised by school staff and will be accompanied to the toilet at all times.

### **Timings of the Day for parents**

The following timings are rough guidelines and are subject to change, as the concert may overrun.

**6:00pm** - the arena will open for you to start taking your seats.

**7:00pm** - the concert begins!

**9:15pm** - the concert concludes.

### **After the Concert**

Parents will be dismissed from the arena first and asked to leave by the nearest exit. For the safety of your child, all parents must completely leave the arena before any choirs are dismissed and allowed to exit the arena. The quicker you do this the quicker the choirs can get moving. **YOU WILL NOT PICK YOUR CHILD UP FROM THE ARENA.** There will not be the opportunity for you to make contact with your child after the concert finishes. To ensure the complete safety of the children they should be collected back at school. We estimate arriving back at school around **11.30pm**. We will text you to inform you when we are leaving the O2 arena and when we are approaching the Faversham turn off. Please complete the attached slip to inform us of the designated person collecting your child from school after the concert. All children will be dismissed to parents and carers from the school carpark. We would expect your child to come in to school on Thursday as normal, but on this occasion if they are slightly late due to the late timings, we will authorise this.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and hope you enjoy the concert.

Miss Halsey and Miss Madge

**Young Voices**

Name of Child..... class.....

I give my permission for my child to travel to and from the O2 arena by coach. I give permission for any medical attention/anaesthetic to be given to my child that is needed as a result of any accident, illness or injury.

I give permission for ..... to collect my child from school after the concert.

Signed.....Parent/carer

Emergency Telephone Number.....

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**School Packed Lunch 18.01.17**

Name of Child..... class.....

I require/do not require a school packed lunch for my child. (please circle as appropriate)

Signed.....Parent/carer