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Dear Parents and Carers,

Young Voices Concert – Thursday, 7th January 2027– FINAL UPDATE

As you will be aware the Choir has been practicing really hard in readiness for the Young Voices Concert on the 7th January 2027. We are all very excited and looking forward to the event – we hope you are too?

At this stage I thought it would be useful to provide a final update/reminder of all the things we need to remember.

Staff

It will be myself and four other staff, who will be accompanying the children throughout the event.

On the day

The children should wear their school uniform to school in the morning, bringing their YV t-shirt/white t-shirt with them to change into at lunchtime please. The children will need to wear sensible footwear as there will be a good deal of walking and also a coat suitable for the weather conditions on the day as we will be walking from the coach to the venue and back after the concert.

Transport/Timings

The coach will be leaving Henry Chadwick at approximately 12.15pm to ensure that we are at the BP Pulse Live Arena (Resorts World Arena, NEC) by the required time of 1.30pm. The afternoon will be spent rehearsing so that everyone knows what will happen during the actual concert. The concert commences at 7pm (no intermission) and finishes at 8.45pm. The children will return to the coach, with the staff, and should be back at school by approximately 10pm-10.15pm, dependant on traffic. A text will be sent to parents with the expected time of arrival back at school to facilitate collection. As you will appreciate this is a large venue and there will be a lot of children/different schools on site so please do not attempt to collect your child at the Arena.

Parents who are travelling on the coach need to be at school by 12.10pm to be on the coach before the children come out of school. For the return journey, parents should return to the coach as soon as the concert ends: the choir will return to the coach as soon as they are dismissed from the venue.

The cost of the coach has been added to Parent Pay. Thank you for your continued support by contributing to the cost of transport for the children to and from the Arena.

If anyone has concerns regarding travel sickness, please speak to Mrs Barnes on the gate on the Thursday morning about administering tablets on the day. Inhalers and other medication will be taken from the school office and will be held by myself throughout the day. If there are any additional needs I need to be aware of, please inform the office as soon as possible.

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Security

The Arena will open at 1.30pm for schools and choirs will be received by the venue staff and issued with Security Wristbands. The Choir will go directly to their seats to be briefed before using the bathrooms, hearing about how the afternoon's rehearsal will work. It is recommended that everyone only brings small bags to avoid security delays when the Choirs arrive. For the audience, there will be security checks in place so please allow plenty of time to enter the Arena.

The morning after

If you wish, your child may come into school at 10.25am on the Friday morning as it will have been a very long, tiring day – please let the office know if you are going to do this and place an order for any school dinners which are needed. Thank you.

Food at Young Voices

The children will have their lunch before leaving school. Lunch will be served at 11.30am for the Choir and we would suggest that, if possible, the children have a hot meal to stand them in good stead for the rest of the day. The children need to bring with them a packed tea, snacks and drinks for the remainder of the day. As much as possible should be disposable so that we are not storing unnecessary items after we have eaten, including sending these in a disposable carrier bag if possible.

And finally….

If you would like more information about this event, please visit the Young Voices website:

https://youngvoices.co.uk/

You are encouraged to visit their website for further information and the BP Pulse website for information on parking, security, etc.

https://www.bppulselive.co.uk/visit

Mrs Phillips