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Dear Parents/ Carers



Welcome to Young Voices 2025!

We are looking forward to taking part in YV 2025 at Birmingham Resorts World Arena on **Monday 13th January 2025**. For those of you who are unaware, the aim of Young Voices is 'to inspire a love of music and create memories for the children that will last a lifetime'. To this end, participating schools from all over the country learn a diverse range of songs especially arranged for the event, which they then perform together in a choir of thousands.

Thank you for signing up for our Young Voices Choir, which will run as an after-school club, meeting on Wednesdays from **3.15pm – 4.00pm**. Song sheets and access to the songs will be made available to the children in the choir, so that we can all sing along in the car/ shower/ shed and make the most of every opportunity to become familiar with the music!

To gain access to all the YV information this year, parents need to visit the link below, and sign up your child. You and your child can then access the Music Room for at-home practice of the songs and dance moves. From here, you can also order YV T-shirts (these are NOT essential – a plain white T-shirt can be worn as an alternative) and tickets for adults who wish to attend the concert.

<https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/register-referral?code=MTg4NC8xNzI2MTMxNjQ5>

A coach will be booked to take us to Birmingham (the club fees will cover this cost) for an afternoon rehearsal followed by an evening concert on 13th January. There will be more details nearer the time, but please be aware, at this point, that **we will bring all children back to Horsley after the concert**. The Young Voices team is very clear in discouraging children from being picked up directly from the arena, as there are thousands of people milling about, and it is a risk to children's safety. We will be directed back to our coach and will not be able to deviate to find meeting points for parents to pick up their children.

After the concert, parents are released in blocks, to get back to their carparks, which are spread out across a wide area. This can take a long time, and in previous years, staff have been waiting at school, with tired children, for up to 2 hours, for parents to get out of the NEC and back down the motorway. This has resulted in staff and children not being able to leave school until gone midnight, which I'm sure you'll agree, is undesirable. It is imperative, therefore, that there is an adult, who has not been to the concert, at school to meet the children returning from the concert, so that tired staff and children can get home.

Please complete the attached slip and return it to school at your earliest convenience.
Thank you for your support, and we look forward to making music together!

Ms Finlow and Miss Mansell



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Young Voices Concert
Monday 13th January, 2025

- I understand that all the children will need to come back to school on the coach after the concert, and I will not be able to meet them at the arena in Birmingham.
- I will ensure an appropriate adult is waiting to collect my child on their return to school at approximately 10.30pm on the concert day.
- I understand that my child may come into school at 10.30am the next morning, if they are tired after the late night.

Signed:

Printed:

Parent of (child's name):

To help with any pick-up arrangements/lift shares, here is a list of the children who are in this year's Young Voices choir:

Year 3	Kensa, Joseph, Taya, Alice, Maggie
Year 4	Kobi, Noah, Emilia, Alfie, Nancy
Year 5	Penny, Rachel