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Dear Parents/Carers

We are all very excited about the Young Voices concert on 12th January. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to take part in an amazing experience. For me, as Headteacher, it is also a really important part of our music curriculum offer.

I just wanted to clarify a few final points, leading up to the event itself.

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 is a logical health and safety 'nightmare' for both NEC and Horsley staff, which 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 at school to meet the children returning from the concert, so that tired children and staff can get home.

After much thought and consideration, along with consultation with the Young Voices organisers, we regret that we must reiterate that it will not be possible to release children from the arena. With only 2 members of staff, we have to prioritise children's safety.

Please be aware that staff have given up their free time on a Friday evening, and in the interests of their well-being, need to be able to release the children and go home.

Yours faithfully,

Gary Price
Headteacher



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