



20th December 2018

Young Voices Choir

Dear parents/carers,

The Young Voices Choir will be performing in Sheffield on Thursday 10th January 2018. I am writing to give you important information in advance of the trip.

Transport

Children should be dropped off at Park Grove Primary Academy at the usual time on the Wednesday morning. We will then gather together and walk to Haxby Road Primary Academy for a rehearsal before the coach picks us up from there at 11am. We already have your consent to take the children to Sheffield.

The children will arrive back at Haxby Road Primary Academy at approximately 11.00pm. This is our expected time of arrival, so please be there at this time. It is possible that we might be later than this due to the car park in Sheffield being extremely busy. Please accept our apologies if this is the case but it will be beyond our control.

Pick Up

We cannot arrange for parents to pick up from Sheffield because we have been told that the venue will be extremely busy and we will have to make our way to the coach as soon as possible. In the past, parents have been allowed to pick up from Sheffield, but we have been told by the arena that, due to increased security this year, this is not allowed.

Clothing

Your child should come to school at the normal time wearing their normal clothing. The Young Voices T-shirt will be given in the morning to change in to. The children can wear the T-shirt on top of their clothes if they are cold. If they have not purchased a Young Voices T-shirt please could they wear a plain white top.

Food

Children should bring with them a double packed lunch as they will be eating lunch and dinner while we are out. Please can we remind you about the 'No Nut Policy' - it is essential that no nut products are in the lunchboxes. Children should bring enough drinks for the whole day. Please don't bring fizzy drinks, glass bottles or cans. Please discuss your child's food with them so they know what is intended for each meal. Food is best in labelled carrier bags to prevent children having to carry packed lunch boxes. We can throw all rubbish away after the children have eaten. The children will get very thirsty as they are singing all day, so please take this into account.

Tickets

Tickets for parents have now arrived and should be collected from the school office. Parents will need to sign for the tickets on collection so they cannot be sent home with your child.

Parents watching the show

For those of you with tickets to watch the show, please look at the Young Voices website www.youngvoices.co.uk for details.

- 6pm – try to arrive so that you have adequate time to go through security
- 7pm – the concert begins
- 9pm – the concert concludes

Parents and all members of the audience must be prepared for bag checks, searches and airport style security on the entrances of the arena.

Sheffield Arena's advice is to leave bags at home if possible as this speeds up the queue and will get everyone into the arena much quicker. If parents have to bring bags, only small bags will be allowed, so please leave backpacks and larger bags at home.

Staff and Emergency contact

Children will be going with Miss Platts, Miss Thomas and myself as well as members of Haxby Road staff. Please contact Park Grove School if you need to get in touch with us.

The Next Day

Young Voices children can have a later start to school the following day if parents wish. They can come in up to 11am and still receive their register mark. This is to give them chance to sleep a bit longer due to the late night. Please let us know your child's dinner choice in advance if you choose to do this.

The children have worked extremely hard on this project and we really hope they enjoy the day! Please look out for our Park Grove banner to identify where we are amongst the other schools (the APP will help with this too!)

Thank you for your on-going support.

Kind regards

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