



9th January 2026

Young Voices Choir final arrangements information

Dear parents/carers,

The Young Voices Choir will be performing in Sheffield on Thursday 29th January 2026. We are writing to give you important information in advance of the trip. The following information will also be discussed with the children in their final choir practices after school in Lime Class on Fridays as usual, so it is important that they continue to attend.

Transport

Children should be dropped off at Park Grove Primary Academy at the usual time on Thursday morning. We will register the children at Park Grove, then walk to Haxby Road Primary Academy, arriving at 9:30am to have a joint rehearsal. The coach will pick us up at Haxby Road Primary Academy at around 11am. The children will arrive back at Park Grove from 10:30pm. This is our expected time of arrival, so please be there as soon as you can. It is possible that we might be slightly earlier or later than this depending on traffic as Sheffield will be busy and it will be dependent on how quickly we get released from the arena. Please accept our apologies if this is the case, but it will be beyond our control. We can keep you updated via our school Instagram page when we are on our way back.

Pick Up

We cannot arrange for parents to pick up from Sheffield. The venue will be extremely busy and we will have to make our way to the coach as soon as possible. Bringing the choir back to York together after the concert is the safest and most efficient way to reunite children with their parents and carers. The coach will drop us outside Haxby Road Primary Academy between 10:30-11:00pm. An estimated time of arrival will be shared via our Instagram. Please ensure a prompt pick up so that everyone can have a well deserved rest.

Clothing

Your child should come to school wearing their normal clothing and comfortable shoes. The Young Voices t-shirts will be given in the morning to change into. The children can wear this T-shirt on top of their clothes if they are cold.

Food

Children should bring with them a double packed lunch as they will be eating lunch and dinner while we are out. Please remember our 'No Nut Policy' - it is essential that no nut products are in the lunchboxes. Children should bring enough drinks for the whole day, but 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. The children will get very thirsty as they are singing all day, so please take this into account.

Other belongings

We recommend children bring one, comfortable rucksack they can store their food for the day in. They can bring a book, magazines or paper/pencils for the coach journey but we do not allow the children to bring any electronic devices. As soon as we get to the arena, we have a busy schedule to rehearse for the performance so there will be no free time to require any other belongings. If the children still decide to bring something valuable, we cannot accept responsibility if anything gets damaged, lost or stolen.

Concert Details

- 6pm – Venue doors open. Try to arrive so that you have adequate time to go through security
- 7pm – The concert begins
- 8:45pm– The concert concludes

Tickets

Tickets for parents have arrived and if not already, should now 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, all information needed will be on your tickets.

Merchandise

Programmes are available to purchase on the night. Your school will be listed in the programme. Other merchandise can be purchased at the arena stands or on the online shop, <https://shop.youngvoices.co.uk/>

Parking

On site Venue Parking can be purchased in advance. Parking spaces are booked and fill up fast. Spaces are priced at £17.50 and can be booked via the venue website.

<https://www.utilitaarenasheffield.co.uk/plan-your-visit/directions>

Bag Checks

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 will speed 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.



Video Cameras

Video equipment and SLR cameras with removable large lenses are prohibited in the arena. Please bring binoculars so you can spot your child in the choir.

Staff and Emergency contact

Children will be going with Miss Clinton, Mrs Bell, Miss Barnes, Miss Birch and Miss Sawyer, as well as members of Haxby Road staff. Please contact Park Grove School if you need to get in touch with us. We will also be sharing updates throughout the day via our school Instagram page, as mentioned earlier.

The Next Day

Young Voices children can have a later start to school the following day if parents wish. They can come in at 10.30am and still receive their register mark. This is to give them a chance to sleep a bit longer due to the late night.

The children have worked extremely hard on this project and we are sure that they will have an unforgettable day!

Thank you for your on-going support.

Kind regards,

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