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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are drawing closer to the Young Voices concert, I just wanted to touch base with you regarding a few key details in the run up to/and the event itself.

Firstly, it has been wonderful to see the children really up their game in recent weeks and would like to thank you for encouraging/reminding them and supporting them in attending rehearsals and practicing at home. All the tracks are listed on youtube (if you haven’t signed up for a YV account) and can be accessed as often as necessary. As a reminder, there are no words or screens (with lyrics on them) at the O2, so children will need to get learning, in preparation for the concert.

I am yet to find out where we will be sitting/designated area/seats and can only assume that they are still organising this as I am, also, yet to hear about transferring parent tickets over. I have been reliably informed that this should be any day now so please ensure that you have downloaded the AXS app and keep an eye out for any emails from myself!

Ordered T-shirts and lights have come in 😊 so I will prepare everyone’s order and ensure that these are given out the day before. Students, who haven’t ordered a YV t-shirt will need to ensure that they have a plain white t-shirt (no logos/colours etc). There are parts of the concert where the lights go out and children will be shining small lights… if you haven’t ordered a light for this event, they can bring a small travel torch, but equally, there will be enough light from around the arena that it is not imperative that they have one. You can still purchase one directly from the YV shop if you decide you would like to but hurry as they may sell out.

Please keep checking the Young Voices website for tickets going on resale. The website states that they will be going on sale soon- so make sure you get in quickly!

[Box Office Ticket Details for The O2 | Young Voices](https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/box-office-ticket-details-o2)

[Official YV Choir T-shirts – Young Voices](https://shop.youngvoices.co.uk/collections/official-yv-choir-t-shirts)

On the day itself- Students will need to come to school in school uniform but with their t shirt on underneath their school jumper/cardigan. This saves time with changing later on (and that there are not a huge number of spaces to change in). As we will be leaving school at 11.30am, students will go to break as normal but will need to wait until we are at the arena to eat their lunch. I would advise packing both lunch AND tea in a plastic bag so this can be thrown away before the concert. We will also be eating tea around 5pm so children will need sufficient amount of food (and water) to keep them going through dinner time as well. Please note, there will be no opportunity to buy anything at the arena so all food and drink will need to be taken along. If your child requires a packed lunch (and is eligible for FSM) please let the office know so we can organise for a lunch to be made by the kitchen.

There are water fountains at the O2, so we will do our best to keep the children as hydrated as possible throughout the day. We are moving around a lot… and it does get very sweaty, so plenty of fluids is a must!

After the event- The concert is due to start 7.30pm and end around 9pm (although this may vary slightly). We will leave the arena, as directed by the staff at the O2, and make our way to the coach park which is situated a short walk from the main entrance. It is our aim to do this as quickly and safely as possible, but we won’t be able to exit until we have been given the go ahead from O2 arena staff so you will need to make your own way home and head to school where we will meet you. Please note that all students will need to be dismissed by a member of Benyon Primary School, no student will be permitted to walk home and if your child is being collected by another parent, we will need this in writing before the event.

We will do our best to keep you updated with progress throughout the day via our social media platforms and to keep you informed with an ETA upon exiting the O2 arena.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions,

Your Sincerely,

Mrs E Nicholls

Trip leader/AHT