



Stamford Green Primary School



5 September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Y5 O2 Trip and Performance – Young Voices 31.1.19

As mentioned at the Y5 Welcome Meeting in July, we will shortly start practicing so we are ready to perform at the iconic O2 Arena in London as part of the Young Voices 2018 Choir. This letter gives you some more details about the Year 5 performance and trip to the O2.

Coach for the children

As the children will be travelling to and from the O2 by coach, we kindly ask for a provisional voluntary donation of £11.50 to cover the registration fee with Young Voices, coach hire and parking costs at the venue. Payment should be made using Tucasi, our online payment system. Please also give your permission for your child to attend the event by fully opening up the trip by double clicking and ticking the box within the trip information section on Tucasi. If you need any assistance with your Tucasi account please contact the school office.

We can confirm that the voluntary contribution represents our estimate of the costs of providing this activity shared equally amongst all pupils. As the resources of the school are limited, the proposed trip will not take place if there are insufficient voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the trip. If you would like to pay and are currently experiencing financial difficulties, please come and discuss the trip and payment with Mrs Druce as there is always a solution and absolute confidentiality is assured.

The coach will be picking up the children from school at around 12.30pm after they have had their lunch and aims to arrive back at school at 11.30pm. This will be where the children are dismissed after the event. Due to the fact that the O2 will be extremely busy after the event, we will not be dismissing children to their parents there. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding as our main priority is keeping your children safe on the night.

Choir Clothing

Young Voices recommend that children wear an official Young Voices t-shirt and this can also be purchased through the school, using the Tucasi online payment system, by selecting the required size. The t-shirt also comes with a free tiny torch and charity wristband costing £12.00, which the children can wear for the performance. Please be careful to order the correct size, shown in the options, as these cannot be changed. Buying the t-shirt is not essential and the alternative is to wear a plain white t-shirt. Below the t-shirt, they request that the children wear school trousers/skirts and school shoes. Please note that each t-shirt comes with a torch and wristband so only add additional torches or wristbands for audience members if desired.

Audience Tickets

Tickets for parents/siblings/grandparents are on sale for the O2 performance on 31 January 2019. These can be purchased through the school as it is requested from the venue that they receive one large order per school. The school will then distribute the tickets once they have arrived. Young Voices organise the audience seats so that each group of parents will be able to see their particular school and children.

Tickets are priced at £23.00 per person, with no restriction as to how many can be bought. Please indicate how many tickets you would like and pay using Tucasi.

Please be aware that tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis so it is important that tickets are ordered as soon as possible if you require them. Please note that it is not essential for you to purchase tickets to watch as the priority is for the children to experience a once in a life time opportunity of performing at the O2 Arena and being part of a choir, which will consist of over 10,000 students from other schools. It really is an amazing experience that they will remember forever!

Security Update

In addition to our risk assessment and safety plans, the Young Voices team will be working alongside the Arena and it's partners to develop a bespoke event plan containing detailed arrival and exit information for our concerts. This will include information regarding enhanced security and increased security screening. All of this information will be provided to schools in due course and with ample time before the events. We will keep you updated when we send out the final information for this event nearer the time.

Next steps – Important Deadline Information

Please make sure you have given your permission and paid for your child's coach journeys by **26.9.18** using Tucasi.

Please order any audience tickets required by **26.9.18** using Tucasi. If you miss this bulk ordering deadline tickets can still be purchased directly from the O2 at a later date but are not guaranteed. You will not be reminded to order your tickets from the school and only tickets booked via Tucasi before the deadline will be accounted for in our group bulk booking.

Please make sure that if you would like your child to have an official Young Voices T-shirt you have ordered it by **26.9.18** using Tucasi.

We will update you with further information regarding details for the performance day shortly (i.e. snacks and drinks required) and would like to thank you for your continued support in making this opportunity for the children possible.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs James, Mr Vidal and Mrs Beunderman
Y5 Young Voices Team