



Manor Green Primary Academy

'We are the future - the world is in our hands.'

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Tuesday, 16th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers of our Young Voices Choir,

Young Voices – Final Letter

The children have spent months working really hard to learn the many songs for Young Voices, 2018 and suddenly the day is almost upon us. I'm very excited to be taking such a fantastic group of children and they are about to experience something that they will remember for the rest of their lives. We have a few who performed with us last year but many are coming for their first Young Voices experience.

We will be leaving school at 12.30pm on Monday 22nd January and will be accompanied by myself, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Mycroft, Mrs. Harrop and Mr. Bentley – one of our Parent Governors. Your child will have their usual lunch at school before leaving. After their lunch, they will get changed into their white t-shirts. Our school P.E. t-shirt will be fine if you haven't ordered a Young Voices t-shirt, though please get your child to check how clean it is before the day of the concert! All school bags will be left in school as we will not be able to access the building on our return that evening. We will travel by coach to the Arena, where we will spend the afternoon rehearsing with several thousand other children, the guest artists, dancers and the live band.

The children must bring a packed tea with them to eat in the break between the rehearsal and the evening concert. Pupils **will not** be permitted to buy food at the Arena food outlets. Their packed tea needs to be in a carrier bag labelled with their name (no school bags please). Please ensure that this is a disposable tea, as everything will need to be thrown away. Your child will be singing for many hours and will need plenty to drink, however please ensure that these are not fizzy drinks or drinks in glass bottles.

The concert begins at 7pm and finishes approx. 9.15pm. All children will return to school on the coach, regardless of whether they have someone in the audience watching them. This is for the safety of your child. We would hope to be back at school around 10.15pm, but please bear in mind that there are thousands of children leaving the Arena and we have no control as to whether we will be sent out first or last, so please be patient if we arrive a little later. Someone must be at school to collect your child as no child will be allowed to walk home alone. If the person collecting your child is going to be someone other than yourselves, please let us know so that we can ensure your child is delivered safely to the correct adult.

Year 6 choir members – if your child usually brings a phone to school, I would recommend that they don't on this day. Phones will not be permitted on this trip, so any brought in that day will be left in school until the following day, as we will not be able to access the school building when we return from the Arena.

Any children who have inhalers must bring these and will be responsible for keeping them safe. As the packed tea carrier bags will be thrown away, I would suggest that inhalers are kept in coat pockets. If there are any other medications to be taken or any warning signs of illnesses we should be aware of, parents must discuss this with Mrs. Harrop **BEFORE** the day so that she has a full understanding of the necessary requirements.

Every year, Young Voices selects a special charity to donate proceeds to. For the 2018 series, **Fareshare** have yet again been chosen to help provide food for the homeless, an issue that is increasing dramatically across the country but particularly in our home city of Manchester. The children in the choir are encouraged to bring a tin of food with them on the day, which will be collected by **Fareshare** and distributed to local homeless people. This is a voluntary contribution and is not compulsory.

For people with tickets to watch the concert, tickets have already been given to your child. It can be very difficult to spot us in such a big Arena. If you download the Young Voices App, available on the App Store and Google Play, there is a 'find my child' feature which will enable you to locate where we are sitting. Our code for this App is PAR49775. We will try to update the app throughout the day so you will be able to see your children having a fantastic time! **We have been asked to remind all Arena visitors that due to updated security measures, no backpacks of any size or large bags will be permitted.**

Please could you fill in the contact form on this letter and return this to myself **before the day**. This is to ensure that we have the most up to date contact information for you should a member of staff need to contact you in the unlikely event of an emergency.

Your child will be exhausted from such a long day. If you are able to facilitate this, your child is allowed to come into school late the following morning. As long as they are in school by 10am, they will still receive their attendance mark.

I am in school Monday-Wednesday, so feel free to contact me at school with any questions. Outside of these day, the best way to contact myself with any questions regarding the day would be by email; manorgreen@focus-trust.co.uk.

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in Young Voices.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs K Dunphy
Mrs. K. Dunphy

Name of child:.....Year:.....Yellow / Green

Parent's up to date contact number:.....

Any Medical issues:.....
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Person who will be collecting my child from school:.....
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