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Dear Parents & Carers,

13th December 2023

Final Arrangements for O2 Young Voices Concert, Tuesday 16th January 2024

Thank you for all your support in helping the children to prepare for the O2 concert. They have done so well learning so many songs and it's going to be an amazing experience for them all. On the day, your child will need to come to school dressed in normal school uniform and appropriate coat, as per usual. YV T-shirts (where ordered) will be handed out for the children to change into once they have eaten, in order that no food or drink is spilled onto them!

The school caterers will prepare packed lunches for the children which we will eat in school at 11am before getting the coach to the O2 Arena. These will be ordered in advance, so if you would rather provide your own packed lunch, please let us know ASAP. Packed lunches must be nut-free and healthy, and please remember that sweets and fizzy drinks are not allowed. The same applies to the packed tea and snacks that your child will need to bring.

Your child should bring a rucksack or drawstring bag containing the following:

1. Food: Snacks for breaks during the afternoon rehearsal, and a packed tea.
2. Two filled water bottles. We have been informed that glass bottles are not allowed in the arena, so please do not send these.
3. A quiet activity to do on the coach, for example a reading book, Top Trumps cards etc. No electronic devices.

Plan for the day:

- Lunch in school at 11am
- Coach journey to the O2 Arena
- Afternoon rehearsal at the O2
- Packed tea
- Concert at 7pm
- Concert ends at approximately 9.00pm

You may wish to bring a pair of binoculars if you have them. It's a large venue and it can be tricky to spot your child! It might be worth coordinating amongst yourselves wearing glowing wristbands, or some other means whereby it will make it easier for us to spot you; of course, this





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is only a suggestion. We will know beforehand whereabouts we will be sitting in relation to you, but a visual clue helps the children to find you.

At the end of the concert, the audience will be asked to leave first, then schools. We will be dismissed in sections and we have no control over how soon we are able to leave the arena. This is the O2's remit: they have done this many times and do so in a very organised and systematic way to ensure safety for all. Please be patient.

Parents are to wait at the meeting point, the entrance to North Greenwich underground station, where we will bring the children to you. Please do not try to collect the children from us as we are crossing the concourse outside the O2. Please ensure your child is released by a member of Coulston staff, do not just take them; as you can appreciate, it will be incredibly busy and the last thing anyone wants is uncertainty over who has been collected and by whom. From the meeting point, it is a short walk to the O2 car parks, and public transport.

As it will be such a late night for the children, they will be allowed to come into school at 10.30am the next day. Please note that if your child would like a school dinner on Wednesday 17th January, you will need to let the office know by 9.30am so that the order can be placed with the kitchen staff.

Parents can now pre-order their concert video via the Young Voices website, at a reduced cost of £9.99 (usually £12.99). Please visit <https://youngvoices.cmail20.com/t/t-l-viljdht-jhyuthtim-r/> using the code PREORDER if you are interested.

Tickets will be sent to us digitally and we will be allocating them out to you as soon as we get them; they will come from **O2's AXS email**. If you do not already have an account, you will need to sign up first.

Please click on the link on the accompanying email to confirm who will be collecting your child at the meeting point after the concert. We would also like to have two contact numbers for each child, should we need to contact you in an emergency. If you have any questions about the trip, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you at the O2.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs K Jackson and Mrs K Wyatt

