

'Do Everything In Love' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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Dear Parents

O2 ARENA TRIP – FRIDAY 24 JANUARY

As we are just a couple of weeks away from the concert, I thought I would write with final arrangements.

Itinerary for Friday 24 January

- 10am Coach leaves St Andrew's. We will have a comfort break en route and will either eat lunch during a break or on arrival at the O2, depending on time. **If you are a parent travelling with us, please arrive in good time for a 10am departure.**
- 1.30pm Arrive at O2 – children and staff go into the Arena for rehearsals. No parents in arena at this time.
- 2.15pm Children's rehearsals begin.
- 5pm End of rehearsals and break for tea. Children must stay with their choir and with staff members and cannot meet up with parents.
- 6pm Children to be seated ready for concert. Arena opens for parents to take seats.
- 7pm Concert commences.
- 9.15pm Concert ends. All children remain seated with their schools until the arena is cleared.
- 10pm approx. Coaches leave O2.
- 12.30am-1am (approx). Arrive back at St Andrew's to be collected by parents. Obviously, this timing depends very much on traffic, weather etc. If we are going to be back significantly earlier or later, I will telephone those parents not on the coach with us, on the designated evening number that you give us (see later in this letter).

Parent Tickets

Tickets are now available to collect from the School Office. We are not sending these home with the children due to their value.

Provisions

Children should bring a packed lunch, packed tea along with plenty of drinks in a small rucksack as this will need to fit under their seat. No glass bottles please. They may want to bring a small amount of money in case they want to buy anything at the Service Station. Any money should be kept in a named wallet in their rucksack.

We know that God loves us; We show it by being loving, honest and respectful.

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Supervision

There will be one member of staff to every 8 children and we will sit with the children during the rehearsals and concert. If children need to go out for toilet breaks, they will be accompanied by a staff member.

Torches

Children will receive a free tiny torch with their T-Shirt order which the organisers are keen for the children to bring with them as they wish to create a "night-sky" effect during the concert. However, we have received instructions from the organisers that no glow sticks, flashing headdresses, beam torches or other light effects will be permitted and these will be confiscated.

Clothing

Children are asked to wear their "Young Voices" T-shirt. The T-shirts can be worn over a dark coloured top. Children should also wear dark coloured trousers (black if possible) and bring a warm coat, as it will be cold and late by the time we leave to come home.

Medicines

If your child needs any prescribed medicines with them during the day, please make a note on the attached slip. Please bring medicines to school in good time on the morning of Friday 24 January and give them to Mrs Ransome.

After the Concert

We are aware that some parents, who are not travelling by coach, may wish to take their children home in their cars after the concert. If this is the case, we ask that you indicate this on the attached form, so that we know how many children we are expecting for the return journey. **For safety reasons, if you are meeting your child directly from the O2 concert, please meet us back at the coach park, NOT inside or outside the O2 Arena.** Venue staff will not allow parents to take children from across barriers. They will also strictly enforce the exit routes and collection arrangements with no exceptions.

If your child is returning to school on the coach, please collect from outside school on our return. We should be back in Laverstock at around 12.30am. If we are running significantly late (or early!) we will phone parents from the coach on the phone number provided on the attached sheet.

Emergency Contact

As we are going to be on a long trip, taking place out of normal school hours, it is important that I have a telephone number on which parents can be contacted **throughout the day and evening**, whether or not you are attending the concert. This will mean I can get in touch quickly if there are any changes of plan/timings etc. Please complete and return the slip at the end of this letter by Friday 17 January. In case of an emergency during the day of the concert, we can be contacted via the following numbers:-

During school hours – telephone the school who will get in touch with us (01722 503590).

After school hours – 07484 913855 **Please use these numbers in case of emergency only.**

Yours sincerely
Mrs Karen Walker
Headteacher

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YOUNG VOICES CONCERT – EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Child’s Name..... Class.....

Information for the concert day

Parent(s) booked on school coach YES / NO

Parent(s) attending concert YES / NO

My child will be travelling home with me **by car** after the concert YES / NO
(Children must be collected from the coach park, NOT the Arena)

Emergency contact details

My contact number(s) for Friday 24 January are:-

Daytime

Evening.....

Medication needed for the trip

Details of any medication needed:-

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Signed..... Date.....

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 17 JANUARY
(returns by email are acceptable if this is easier).