

Young Voices Final Arrangements 22nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Children,

It is now only a few days before our exciting concert in Birmingham. Here are our final arrangements for the day.

What to wear?

In the morning when you come to school, please wear your normal school uniform. If you would like to wear some more comfortable trousers than your usual school uniform, such as black leggings, that is fine (no tracksuit bottoms), but you will be required to wear your normal school jumper/blazer.

What to bring?

- **A Packed Lunch** – if you are eligible for free school meals a packed lunch (sandwich, cake and drink) will be provided.
- **Another Packed Lunch** – this is to eat at teatime. Please include plenty of drink; it gets really hot in the arena, especially when we are singing. Water or juice – **no cans or fizzy drinks**.

What time will we leave and return?

We will be setting off from school at 10:30 am in order to arrive in Birmingham in time for the afternoon rehearsal.

Those of you who are coming to watch will already know that the concert starts at 7pm. You will be allowed entry into the arena from 6pm. **The concert is due to finish at 9pm.**

Parents will **not** be allowed into the arena after the event to collect their children. As a school we will remain as a party and follow the directions of the stewards to return to the coach park. We are always advised by Young Voices that it is far more practical for parents to collect their children from the school after the event. With several thousand children all leaving the arena, we hope parents will understand the need for all our staff to chaperone the 120 Perton students involved. Therefore, **all** children will return to Perton Middle School to be collected by parents. We anticipate that our return time will be between 10pm and 10:30pm but this will depend on how long it takes us to get out of the arena. Please note that the school building will be open, and students will need to be collected from the side door to the left of the carpark. Can I politely ask for you to be mindful of our wider community when picking up your child to ensure that we do not disturb them as this time of night.

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Mobile Phones and Contact

Children, if they wish and at their own risk, may bring their own mobile phone so that contact can be made should the arrangements change. Obviously, these will need to be switched off during school hours and throughout the concert and will only be used if our ETA changes. An emergency contact mobile number will be shared with parents and carers through our SIMs app on Wednesday. This can be used if you need to speak to a member of staff urgently. If you have questions, you can contact me via email (rpr@sslp.uk) or through the school office.

And finally...

Can I just take this opportunity, on behalf of Ms Watton, to say a massive THANK YOU to the children for their hard work in preparation for the concert. I am sure we are going to have a fantastic evening!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Pritchard". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ryan Pritchard
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